

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

Our family has lived in the Sierras about 30 miles south of Reno, NV for 16 years now. About 5 years ago we gave up on cable and the poor service that it delivered. We installed satellite equipment and subscribed to Dish network. We have never had an outage since and the reception quality improvement over cable is phenomenal. Today though, we are forced to subscribe to cable for the local network. While the reception on cable is so poor that we never really use the service, it is an absolute must to have local network news to keep informed of things like the Martis fire that came within 4 miles of us last year. Of course the network feeds from the west coast market (LA) that we receive on Dish never had any coverage of an event that was so far away from them.

I urge you to approve the merger to allow households like ours to have a true freedom of choice in their service provider. I believe cable has continued to provide such poor quality service in our area because they have not had the competition.

Sincerely,

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