

I would like to comment in favor of the Hughes (DirectTv) and Echostar (Dish) merger. We are in a small community in south Alabama, and cannot receive over the air signals for local television coverage.

We have tried the waivers via DirectTv (as we are currently subscribers to DirectTV) and have been issued an NBC waiver, but were refused by the other networks.

This merger will provide 100% local channel coverage, which is beneficial in more ways than just pleasure. As you know, local television provides local alerts and information that cannot be gained through the national networks.

We would very much like to see the merger take place for both the local television channels and the enhanced broadband opportunities for this area.

Thank you,  
Bruce Tenison