

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing because I would like to voice my support for the proposed merger between Dish Network and Direct TV and their parent companies. I have subscribed to cable for a long time and felt they had a strangle hold on the market. They have very difficult pricing and have different pricing plans depending on where you live. I was pleased to get my Dish Network Satellite and the upfront pricing that they provide right on their web site. You can not do that with AT&T Cable. With a stronger company they will be able to go into more markets and provide cable with greater competition.

I waited until satellite was able to provide me with local programing and the ability to hook up multiple tv's at an affordable price. The issue that put me over the top was the fact that AT&T Cable has no plans to provide HDTV. I inquired with them for many months before dropping their service. I find this appauling considering the government is mandating the broadcasters to provide this service. I live in a suburb of Chicago. I am too far to receive their signals without cable or satellite. I own an HDTV and satellite service was the only way I was going to benefit from this new technology. I invite any questions or responses to this letter.

Sincerely,

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