

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to express my support for the satellite companies merger. We now receive satellite service because we feel we were unjustly treated by our local cable company. They doubled our bill one month, out of the blue and when I tried to talk with them to find out why, I was received with a 'take it or leave it' attitude. Like most of the satellite subscribers, we want, and feel somewhat entitled to any programming we can, and want to receive. Having someone dictate who can and cannot receive broadcasting seems an infringement on our rights as americans, rights I helped protect when I was a U.S. Marine.

Our weather here in North Idaho is very fickle to say the least with many influences from the wet Seattle/Snoqualmie area and the dry Utah and Montana areas. Local programming would help us get weather broadcasts from Spokane which is our local broadcasters. Spokane understands, and is in the same weather pattern as I am.

I urge you to do whatever you see fit to correct this incorrect if not illegal broadcast blocking by helping to merge the dish companies and anything else to keep this land a fair place to live. Keep up the good work.
Semper Fi.

Sincerely,

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