

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

Dear Sirs,

I am a long time subscriber of Dishnetwork and picked up on the news today that this merger may not be approved. As a rural dweller in VA, the benefits of this merger outweigh the risks by a considerable margin. The local cable company (Adelphia) and telephone company both hold monopoly power over my community, simply by finding it uneconomical to provide broadband access to my community. This merger would have been the first glimmer of available competition that I've seen.

Sincerely,

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