

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 you out of my concern about the way the Dish and Direct TV merger is proceeding.

I have seen recently that there is an attempt to block this merger, claiming it will create a monopoly. I feel that this is as far from actuality as you can get.

Having been a 'cable subscriber prisoner' for many years, I finally became tired of their monopoly and subscribed to Dish. Although there are many cable companies, I have never lived in a market that offered more than one. I believe this is the true monopoly.

Dish not only offered me an option, but one at a much more reasonable price. My only drawback is that I was forced in to using an antenna for access to ABC, CBS, NBC and FOX. Another monopolistic practice in which I am not allowed to choose where to receive those broadcasts from. So again, at the mercy of whatever my local provider chooses to preempt.

With the merger cable subscribers all over the country would now have a true choice. The ability to subscribe to a comparable service at a competitive price.

I am not alone. I doubt you will find any current Dish or Direct TV subscriber who does not believe that this merger will benefit them, and in addition, also doubt you will find one cable customer who believes that the competition will not benefit them as well.

I urge you to support the merger as expeditiously as possible.

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