

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a customer of DIRECTV, I am writing to urge you to DENY this merger! An illegal monopoly is an illegal monopoly regardless of the numbers of consumers it gouges. Cable is not adequate competition to protect many consumers! How many rural consumers have no access to cable or antenna? The number, however statistically insignificant, must not be ignored. I live in Northern Maine. Our 'local' channels are New York City (utterly irrelevant) and we have no access to Canadian broadcasts, even though we are surrounded by Canada and forty miles from the border! Furthermore, satellite costs nearly twice as much as the closest cable provider. Do you really expect this to change with a monopoly? With the gift of the airways in the fifties came the responsibility to serve the public to some extent. Please do not allow the exploitation of rural America!

Thank you for your consideration,
Mrs. David Ammerman

Sincerely,

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