

I believe that allowing Echostar to purchase the Rainbow-1 Satellite and associated DBS frequencies from Cablevision/Rainbow media would not serve the public in their best interest. Echostar has not stated their direct intentions for the DBS frequencies that they would be purchasing and therefore there is no guarantee that they would be used to promote the further growth of new technologies (HDTV) for the viewing public. The sale could also mean the demise of the HDTV service called Voom, which currently resides on this satellite. It is known that Charles Dolan, who has been a pioneer in the broadcast industry, is trying to save this DBS service, but in losing the ability to broadcast from this satellite, may make Mr. Dolan's efforts to save the service mute. I believe that the sale of this satellite and DBS frequencies would be a violation of the Taft-Hartley and Sherman Anti-Trust Acts and would not be in the best interests of the public. Thank you for the opportunity to allow me to voice my opinions to the commission about this proposed transaction.

Sincerely, Jerry Boyd