

The Federal Communications Commission RE: Docket 04-435  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear FCC Commissioners ,

I strongly urge the FCC to deny the petition of Comcast and Time Warner in the matter of Adelphia Communications Corporation, Debtor-in-Possession. The petition certainly does not serve the public interest.

I oppose the attempt by Comcast and Time Warner to create a national cable duopoly. This transaction will result in too great a level of concentration in the cable industry by undermining the public interest. Consumers will NOT benefit because after such a merger, the cable companies will have even greater incentives to raise rates while reducing expenses by eroding service quality and community standards. Workers will not benefit because the cable companies will be even more prone to attack workers - especially union workers - by cutting jobs, tearing up negotiated contracts, and denying workers a fair choice about union representation. Competition and democratic programming will not benefit because the merger would also allow the cable companies to restrict the distribution of video programming and the purchase of video programming by favoring their programming, blocking competitor's access to popular programming, and raising advertising rates above competitive levels.

I have Comcast service now and it is the worst when it comes to customer service. The rates are high and the service very low. I am waiting for cable competition to come to my area so I can switch my service. Comcast has a high DISregard for it's customers. Rates continue to climb and the service continues to deteriorate to an even more abysmal level. The merger of these two media giants would definitely NOT be good for competition. It would be a duopoly that allows them to do just as they please to continue to increase rates and decrease service to their customers. THIS IS NOT A CONSUMER FRIENDLY MOVE! Comcast has a

reputation for "dumbing" down wages as per Wal Mart and the public is not served by their underhanded business practices. The workers who do the work are not fairly compensated or the work is contracted out to less than competent contractors. Yet the CEO and Chairman is reaping millions of dollars. Something is wrong with this picture. Comcast increases rates and arbitrarily changes service provided without any public input and AFTER the subscribers who are ignored get upset then they stick an "apology" in the local newspaper--not good enough. But since we have no other cable service options we have to live with their high-handed methods. THE FCC SHOULD NOT APPROVE THIS MERGER.

If the FCC approves the transfer, it must ensure employees will retain current jobs and their employment rights will be protected; the new franchise owner will respect and recognize the collective bargaining status of employees that existed prior to the transfer; and the new franchise owner will recognize existing collective bargaining agreements.

It is time for the FCC to PROTECT the public interest and DENY the Comcast-Time Warner petition.

Sincerely,

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