

Dear Chairman Martin:

I ask that the mergers by the phone and cable companys be denied

Their sizes even now work against the good of consumers. Many of us are relying on foreign newscasts for more and more accurate news than what we receive from current major media sources. ATT is currently attempting to "corral" the internet for profit.

Theoretically, we own the airwaves. If we did, rather than considering election material to be "commercial" use, it would be considered "public ownership" use and we would be ahead in buying back our legislators from special interests.

Don't let greed reign.

The FCC should:

1. Assure "open access" where subscribers have sufficient choice.
2. Ensure "network newtrality," no discrimination with regard to internat content.
3. Require "unbundling" of phone, broadband and video, with no increase in charge (under the guise of a discount) for separate services.
4. Standardize devises so that any can be connected to a network.
5. Protect public access programming.
6. Control the large companies so that they aren't more powerful than civil society -- even at the local level.
7. Protect independent programmers.
8. Give subscribers true choice of programming while not squeezing out small independent channels.
9. Eliminate vertical integration, separating programming and video systems.

Your job is to protect the public from greed, not the conglomerates from the public.