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9/5/2007 10:31:09 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to bossins@kokyu.com.

bossins@kokyu.com wrote on 9/5/2007 10:30:35 PM :

I am sending this email in SUPPORT of the proposed merger of these two entities. I believe various consumer "watchdog" groups, the NAB, certain members of both houses of Congress, and others are failing to consider the benefits:

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* For years, consumers were forced to choose between two different forms of video tape technologies . Beta and VHS. While most experts felt that Beta, having come from the "industry" side, was the better product, aggressive marketing and the marketplace ultimately forced it out of existence. So . people with extensive libraries of Beta video tapes (purchased, recorded off TV, personal recordings) found themselves with no machines on which to play their content.

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* Another technology storm is on the horizon . the competition between Blue Ray and HD DVD. Once again, two competing technologies will vie for consumer preference, each having established home turf . with movie studios as well as hardware manufacturers. When the dust finally clears, consumers may well find themselves again saddled with useless libraries of content. At the very least, they will experience an extended period of having equipment incompatible with the programming they wish to view.

* We continue to see the problems being experienced with two competing satellite video services . DirecTV and DISH. And, although satellite TV has been around much longer, it still hasn't "broken through" . probably due, in large part to the incompatibility of the systems.

* There is already a staked-out territory between satellite radio companies and auto manufacturers. If I want a GM car, but prefer Sirius, I can't have factory-installed equipment. I wind up paying for something I don't want or need, and have to find after-market companies to remove the unwanted equipment and replace it with what I do want. This is a costly experience, one that may actually make me elect to avoid satellite radio altogether. This is probably costing the satellite industry customers and advertisers.

* At some point, consumers, the satellite radio industry, Wall Street, and others will ultimately come to realize that there is not currently enough room for two independent satellite programming sources. Eventually, there will be only one firm, which means some consumers will find themselves owning worthless equipment. In the future, when consumer demand catches up with the technology, another satellite company can appear.

I also believe the various opponents to the combination of these two entities have significant ulterior motives:

* The major terrestrial radio companies have minimal (if any) investment in satellite radio. Naturally, they would work hard to defeat any proposal that would strengthen such a combination if they see it as a

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negative impact their respective bottom lines.

* The NAB is the lapdog of the major terrestrial broadcast companies. With the consolidation in the broadcast industry, there are fewer voices offering direction to this organization. So, of course they will protect the hands that continue to feed them.

* Politicians want to protect themselves . period. If you're from Texas, you don't want to upset Clear Channel. The same goes for every major company . and companies (and their employees) make significant campaign contributions. Besides, reducing the strength of local-market broadcast outlets dilutes the power of politicians to communicate with constituencies (or so they probably, incorrectly believe).

Here's a comparison. In Europe, broadcast stations operate on a different part of the "spectrum" than we do. What would happen if, 50 years ago, those frequencies, along with our current ones, were available? Would people have need two different radios or televisions? And, once consumers bonded with the idea of broadcasting, wouldn't it have made sense to abandon one set of frequencies for the good of consumers?

I began a 30+ year career in electronic media in 1966. At that time, a media company could own only seven total AM stations, seven total FM stations, and seven total TV stations. They could own only one of each in any one individual market. There were even restrictions of broadcast cross-ownership with newspapers. That meant ABC, NBC, and CBS (or Mutual, RKO, and the other large operators of the time) couldn't even cover the "top-10" markets. Today, companies can dominate a market with multiple radio stations; they can own two TV stations. Companies maintain their presence in dozens (or hundreds) of markets . and there is no restriction on which markets they may choose to dominate.

And traditional broadcasters continue to survive. Advertising revenues are on the rebound. There is a renewed interest in buy-outs. The cyclical nature of "culling the herd" is being seen as people like the Mays family does estate-planning and executes an exit strategy. New broadcast groups (many with long-time executives at their helm) are appearing to take up the mantle of industry leadership.

The problems of today's broadcast companies have little to do with the kind of competition we see from satellite. Their problems are ones of operating with an eye to cash-flow instead of community service (shame on the NAB and FCC for not better policing its own policies). It's the fact that programming, once the most costly part of a station's operating budget has been replaced by debt-service. It's centralized everything . programming strategies, sales strategies, research, etc.

If radio (and television for that matter) returned to its roots of "being local", the concept of satellite programming would be reduced to a niche. But, as long as Clear Channel, CBS, Cumulus, Entercom, Citadel, etc., etc. want their station(s) in Detroit to sound like their station(s) in Baltimore, which sound like their station(s) in Atlanta, which sound like their station(s) in Denver (well you get the picture), one can easily draw

the conclusion that there is no difference between terrestrial and satellite. Let radio (and television) do what they do best: deliver news, become involved in their communities, hire (and retain) personnel to be part of a community's fabric, be spontaneous with promotion, be the audience's source for emergency information. Radio (and television) must redraw its "line-in-the-sand" through its product . not through legislation.

Let Sirius and XM merge. Let them become the best they can be . without having to try encroaching on terrestrial broadcast's turf. Let the consumer benefit by not having to compromise its other purchasing decisions. And, if satellite wants to tier its programming, with pricing for different services, let an open-market decide whether or not they are making the right decision. Because, at the end of the day, consumers will still have the power not to purchase satellite receivers; they will have the right to decline satellite programming. But, they will still have the opportunity to receive an extensive array of radio, television, and on-line content.

I'm going to share these thoughts with my elected officials, with those on various Congressional committees, with the CEOs of both Sirius and XM, with the NAB, and with anyone else I can think of. I'm no longer part of a corporate organization that would otherwise frown on such outspoken support for this merger. I feel freed from Puritanical restraint.

I am:

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9/11/2007 2:31:05 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to tx91791@aol.com.

Tx91791@aol.com wrote on 9/10/2007 4:27:20 PM :

What's the hold up on the merger approval of the satellite radio companies.?

I am currently a subscriber to both Sirius and XM, and I need this thing to go through already.

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namerif13@comcast.net wrote on 9/27/2007 1:51:02 PM :

Douglas E. Fireman (namerif13@comcast.net) writes:

Re: Sirius/XM Merger

Dear Mr. Marktin:

I just came across this the following re: the Serius, Xm Marger:

"The idea that the music/news/entertainment delivery market pertinent to XMSR/SIRI is only that of satellite radio, is ludicrous, unless one has an allergy to CDs, AM/FM radio, DVDs, MP3 players, or HD radios. Let's hope the FCC does not choose to embarrass itself like the FTC."

I am a Serius/XM fan who strongly agrees with this.

Additionally, the NAB has played very unfairly with the Satellite Duo during these month long proceedings.

It's about time we have som New Blood that can cater to the diverse interests of folks in the Radio Community out there.

Satellite Radio is Much more than NAB has to offer the consumer. You have examined the many oportunites there are for Satellite Radio listeners.

Isn't it time for Satellite Radio to be recognized? There merger will produce a Third and Better thing in the world of Radio. Lets not be held back from becoming what we Can be in the Radio world by by jealous NAB adherents and antiquated laws that no longer fit these evolutionary times we live in.

Respectfully,
Douglas E. Fireman

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OrangeParkFL@aol.com wrote on 9/27/2007 12:25:09 PM :

I think there will still be significant competition if the merger goes through. The NAB is proving it by how much they are spending to fight it. I find it more interesting that the FCC doesn't have a problem when other media companies own 97% of all billboards in Jacksonville, Florida or that one company can own so many of the radio stations in this town. Ad rates are not proportional to other same sized cities, because the FCC let a couple of companies own most of the stations in Jacksonville.

Sincerely,

James Diesen

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ericha33@yahoo.com wrote on 9/26/2007 6:46:41 PM :

Eric Haines (ericha33@yahoo.com) writes:

I have both Sirius & XM, it would be great to be able to have both services.
It's a pay service, you should vote yes for the merger.
Thanks
Eric

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9/27/2007 8:33:19 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to mlspina@hotmail.com.

mlspina@hotmail.com wrote on 9/26/2007 6:25:31 PM :

Dear FCC Commissioners,

I felt compelled to write regarding the attempted merger between Sirius Satellite Radio and XM Satellite Radio. I am appalled that the approval of this merger has dragged on this long and has still not been approved. Growing up I remember the governments moves to dismantle "Ma Bell" in the 80's. I found it very ironic that recently Bell South and AT&T were allowed to merge back together again, despite prior concerns of a monopoly. The same holds true for various other mergers that occurred recently, such as in the oil industry.

It seems that the government has held this merger to a different standard. I have heard claims in the news of it creating a "monopoly", but this could not be farther from the truth. Satellite radio has competition from internet radio, free radio, Hi-Def Radio, ipods, and the music industry in general. Denying the merger of these companies would be detrimental to consumers, as it will allow them to have another radio option while providing better services at a lower cost. I urge you to ensure that the merger is approved and carried out as soon as possible.

I implore you to not be fooled by recent attempts from the National Association of Broadcasters to mail in massive amounts of "form letters" allegedly from individuals who are against the merger. This shameless ploy, combined with their millions of lobbying dollars against the merger, only prove that satellite radio is in DIRECT COMPETITION with free terrestrial radio.

Again, I urge you to quickly approve this merger. I will add in full disclosure that I am a Sirius shareholder.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael Spina
Charlotte, NC
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9/26/2007 4:34:12 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to jmcclarey@ablesteel.com.

jmcclarey@ablesteel.com wrote on 9/26/2007 1:35:01 PM :

Re: XM Sirius merger

Dear Sirs,

I heard today on satellite radio that terrestrial radio is bombarding your office with form letters protesting the XM Sirius merger. I personally have one Sirius subscription and one XM subscription in my new GM vehicle. I would just like to state for the record that I as a subscriber do not have any concerns about being overcharged for satellite service due to the pending merger. I believe the competition between terrestrial and satellite radio will keep satellite costs competitive. Thank you for taking the time to read this e-mail and please feel free to respond if you agree or disagree with what I've written.

Sincerely,

Jimmy McCleary
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9/26/2007 1:12:11 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to trojas@firstam.com.

trojas@firstam.com wrote on 9/26/2007 1:11:49 PM :

To Whom it may concern:

I would like to state my opinion that I am in favor of the merger of Sirius and XM radio. I do not see this as a monopoly as there are plenty of other avenues to receive "radio" content including traditional FM/AM radio stations as well as the newer and constantly growing Internet radio stations.

Thank you,

Tracy Rojas

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9/26/2007 4:34:29 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to localfan666@hotmail.com.

localfan666@hotmail.com wrote on 9/26/2007 1:04:32 PM :

hal (localfan666@hotmail.com) writes:

Please allow the Sirius/XM merger - How un-American it would be to not allow a strengthening of a service in the face of competing media like iPOD's, radio, internet, etc....

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10/23/2007 9:23:44 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to dvandruff31@hotmail.com.

dvandruff31@hotmail.com wrote on 10/22/2007 10:29:37 PM :

To All,

I am a listener of Sirius Satellite and have very much enjoyed the music and entertainment they provide. I quit listening to regular FM primarily due to the poor entertainment quality resulting from the FCC's restrictions on language and content. It is very unfortunate that a small group like the FCC is able to single handedly ruin an industry. All this is the reason I am willing to "PAY" for the opportunity to listen to "Free Speech" on satellite radio which competes with much better programming. My question to you all, is why on earth is there so much effort and \$\$ being put into stopping the merger of two companies that compete with massive companies like Clear Channel who own countless radio stations? Is this another poor attempt to get at Howard Stern? There are so many reasons to listen other than Howard, and you all are trying to put a stop to it all. What a ridiculous waste of time. If you all gave Howard half a chance, you would more than likely become fans. I know this because I was not a listener until a friend asked me to listen for a single week. I am now a fan. This is a media that is completely voluntary to PURCHASE. What good reason do you have to determine what is acceptable to listening and what is not?? If you all are not the right folks to send this to, please forward this email.

Sincerely

David Vandruff

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10/18/2007 10:07:03 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to aryan@nfdc.net.

aryan@nfdc.net wrote on 10/17/2007 10:29:03 PM :

In all fairness, please vote YES for the merger between Sirius and XM Satellite radio. I know in your heart of hearts you know it's the right thing to do. Technology has changed so much that today it would not be a monopoly. They have many competitors, which I know you already know about. The NAB hasn't any good reason to be opposed to the merger. Be an honest person and vote YES for the merger. It will be great for their customers and their shareholders as well. It will be a savings to their customers, as they will be able to choose only programs they wish to listen to at a much lower price.

Sincerely,

Carol Aryan, Customer and Shareholder

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10/19/2007 7:26:31 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to matthew.mushro@gxs.com.

Matthew.Mushro@gxs.com wrote on 10/18/2007 11:14:12 AM :

Please let the public decide this! An overwhelming majority of consumers want the merger because:

1. It brings together programming and content to one unified outlet. One radio in your car will allow you all the choices both companies currently offer separately.
2. The combined company will provide 'a la carte' programming which cannot be provided as separate companies.
3. Lower prices to consumers will allow more to afford the satellite radio option.
4. Satellite radio only makes up 5% of all radio listening consumers. 95% listen to terrestrial radio.
5. Consumer will still have many options for content: ipod car plug -ns, HD radio, terrestrial radio, Wifi, etc..
6. The fact that NAB is fighting this merger proves that they view satellite radio as competition.
7. At the end of the day, the consumer will always have the choice weather or not to have satellite radio. If they do not want it then they do not have to pay for it...they have the 'free' option with terrestrial radio. This is very plain and simple to see and that is why combining these companies would NOT be a monopoly. The market for audio content today is too broad and continually expanding.

Vote 'yes' for merger!

Regards,

Matt Mushro
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10/2/2007 11:06:56 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to jdefranco@cox.net.

jdefranco@cox.net wrote on 10/1/2007 4:28:01 PM :

Joe DeFranco (jdefranco@cox.net) writes:

Chairman Kevin J. Martin,

I read that you support the Sirius/XM merger and I appreciate that. I have forwarded the comments below to Commissioner Copps and Congressman Moran (my local representative). If you feel these comments are helpful and I should forward them to any other Commissioners or Congressmen, please let me know.

I read the comments of Commissioner Michael Copps about the Sirius/XM merger. It seems that he is not convinced that a merger would lower prices (or keep them the same). I appreciate that he is trying to protect the consumer from paying more, but let me tell you about what my wife and I are experiencing.

1) I currently subscribe to Sirius which is about \$12 a month. My wife bought a new hybrid car that only came with XM. (It cannot be converted to Sirius unless we put an exterior unit on the dashboard). If we could subscribe to her internal unit as a Sirius subscriber it would only cost us an additional \$6 a month. If she subscribes to XM, it will cost us an additional \$12 a month. The merger could save us \$6 a month. Without the merger, my wife does not feel the extra \$12 a month is worth it and therefore, she does not have satellite radio in her car.

Here's another example:

2) My wife's favorite sport's team is the Red Sox (XM carries Major League Baseball). My favorite sport's team is the Washington Wizards (Sirius carries NBA). To make us both happy we would need to subscribe to both for a total of \$24 a month. (Too much!) With a merger, I would expect that we would pay much less than \$24 a month and we would both be happy.

So unless you truly do not trust that a merged company wouldn't raise their prices to \$24 a month, a merger would benefit our family. (And by the way, we would not subscribe if the cost was \$24 a month).

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10/9/2007 11:40:42 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to rgold@goldassoc.com.

rgold@goldassoc.com wrote on 10/9/2007 11:40:16 AM :

Gentlemen,

In considering the merger between XM Radio and Sirius, I would call to your attention that the charges made by each of these entities are exceedingly similar.

I'm wondering whether you've investigated the possibility that these entities have violated the anti trust laws vis-à-vis price fixing.

Very Truly Yours,

Richard
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9/26/2007 4:35:12 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to fred@dunayer.net.

fred@dunayer.net wrote on 9/26/2007 9:54:01 AM :

I am an avid listener of Sirius Satellite Radio. I believe it is in the best interest of the public to allow the merger. Satellite radio is in competition with the broadcast radio networks, and a stronger satellite player will encourage the broadcasters to raise their game.

Sincerely,

Fred Dunayer

Sarasota, Florida

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9/18/2007 9:04:40 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to cdecre@aol.com.

cdecre@aol.com wrote on 9/17/2007 8:28:12 PM :

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Please do not let XM merge with Sirius. I strongly believe that this will create a situation in which consumers will not have choice any longer for this type of service. This merger will affect hundreds of jobs and create an monopoly. As a consumer and a current subscriber of this service I am strongly opposed to this merger.

From all of the available information that I have read, generally nobody thinks this is a good idea.

For once please do the right thing. I have to admit that I am not a fan of the FCC. I think that the commission has way over stepped its bounds on many occasions. But this is one time that I believe that you can do the right thing. Please dont bow to corporate pressure.

Regards,

Christopher Decre
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lex868bos@yahoo.com wrote on 8/24/2007 11:19:48 AM :

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FCC
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

Dear FCC:

Hello,

I approve of the Sirius/XM merger for the following reasons:

Disclaimer: First of all I do NOT own Sirius or XM stock. I am simply a satisfied user of the Sirius service. I paid a lifetime membership for very little money. My one time fee will have paid for itself after 3.2 years. I have 1.25 years to go. I will not benefit from the merger because I will keep the stations I currently enjoy because I don't want to pay additional money in the future. I'm frugal that way. I saw a unique, time limited opportunity and I took it and am happy with my choice.

1. Future and current users, if they so choose, Satellite users will enjoy more choices. Will I change my mind years from now and buy into the options offered by XM, maybe, but for now and the near future, it is highly unlikely because I tend to be economically minded.
2. They will enjoy the freedom of choosing the station bundles at their discretion and for lower cost.
3. In those station bundles, they can choose "family friendly" options leaving adults with more prurient interests to choose bundles that are of interest to them.
4. Satellite radio does not compete with iPod/mp3 users, radio, CDs, or other media. When I don't like or am bored by what I am hearing on Sirius or if I'm stuck in traffic in a tunnel (in Boston-Big Dig) I switch over to the radio. I also use CDs to entertain my four year old son. There are people with DVD players in their cars (back seat of course), should DVD companies be regulated or banned because they compete with radio time? Of course not. At home or work, I listen to Canadian radio on-line sometimes because they play music that I don't usually hear here in the States. I like my variety. I like my freedom of choice.

In short, a satellite radio merger is not a challenge to broadcast radio. Consumers will have more options. Families can give their children family friendly options. Satellite just gives users another vehicle to enjoy media that interests them.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards,

Alex Guimbard

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As an individual I support the merger of these two companies for a long list of reasons. Additional content and a la carte pricing are in the best interests of the consumer.

Please support the merger for sat radio is already competing with a host of other competitive audio systems and it would be easier for the consumer to work with one outstanding sat provider.

Please vote yes for the merger!

Thanks for reading,

Bradford Broyles
Advertising Account Executive

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9/16/2007 1:14:49 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to cdrstangl@yahoo.com.

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cdrstangl@yahoo.com wrote on 9/16/2007 1:14:09 AM :

I would like to voice a concern involving the pending Xm Sirius Merger. If these stations allow their customers to add additional radios and services on-line, they should allow their customers to delete the also (provided the customers fill any contract obligation). The time consuming "trick" of requiring customers to call the company to delete extra radios so that company representatives can try to talk the customers into keeping the radio is not fair to customers.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions/concerns. Thank You.

-Barry Stangl
San Clemente, CA

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8/24/2007 11:21:00 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to mbh0072@att.net.

mbh0072@att.net wrote on 8/24/2007 11:19:47 AM :

Marc Herman
PO Box 280775
Northridge, CA 91328-0775

August 14, 2007

FCC
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

Dear FCC:

As a Sirius stockholder and long time customer I urge you to approve the merger ASAP.

Sincerely,

Marc Herman

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8/24/2007 11:21:52 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to robstir@gmail.com.

robstir@gmail.com wrote on 8/24/2007 11:19:54 AM :

Robert Hawes Jr
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August 21, 2007

FCC
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

Dear FCC:

I purchased a Sirius Satellite radio in February, and love the censorship-free and mostly commercial-free environment at which I can listen to music and talk shows. I personally do not care if XM and Sirius merge, since I feel I got all the content I need from Sirius alone. HOWEVER, I believe they should be allowed to merge if they want to. If, upon merging, they decide to raise rates, limit content or do anything else to tick me off, I will simply cancel the service. I do not need satellite radio, and can replace it with terrestrial radio, podcasts, my mp3 player, books on tape, cd's, and numerous other available audio options. My freedom of choice is not at all limited by their merging.

We have so many other issues to deal with in this country, including a horrendous failure of a war in Iraq, oil prices still out of control, major health care and immigration issues. I just don't see why this is such a major issue, and why they shouldn't be allowed to merge.

Sincerely,

Robert Hawes Jr
310 842 9642

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8/27/2007 10:49:54 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to tucker51@cebridge.net.

tucker51@cebridge.net wrote on 8/25/2007 1:40:32 PM :

Dear Sir,

I am hoping that the FCC will continue to protect the public interest and block the XM/SIRIUS merger. It is too obvious that the greedy want the FCC to extend the rules for them. As Rocky Graziano used to exclaim, "Throw the bums out!"

PAX,

Dr. Bill Lockwood

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Bucknbass7@aol.com wrote on 9/27/2007 7:56:18 PM :

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please keep mr copps comments quiet untill the merger is approved, he must be crazy,i thought you guys did not make comments that effect stock price! please vote for the merger Thanks R. forester

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