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10/19/2007 10:42:44 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to lowryderr@hotmail.com.

lowryderr@hotmail.com wrote on 10/19/2007 10:42:28 AM :

Hello my name is william Kevin Ledford if what I say counts for ant thing I hope you vote no to let Xm radio and sirus radio become one Thay are lieing about what thay say thay will do for people like me when Xm took Opie & Anthony off the air for 30 days. I was one of the people that had the service from them so I had them to turm my radio off thay Lied to me thay saidn thay had turned it off but thay had not just to show thay had not lost any sub's. Now if thay can lie to me what do you think thay are doing to you. please NO MERGER the cost will be to Hi for me

Thanks william Kevin Ledford

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10/31/2007 7:33:18 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to jrzbiz@yahoo.com.

jrzbiz@yahoo.com wrote on 10/30/2007 8:14:10 PM :

Why do consumers and investors continue to have to be pulled through nonsense while your agency, and the DOJ, sit back and take their time making a decision on this merger?

Both agencies have approved much tougher mergers in less time. It makes no sense, and has already been almost 9 months since these companies announced their intent to merge and nothing has happened, because two agencies decide to play games and politics, instead of doing what the people are asking. APPROVE THE MERGER.

Consumers such as myself, have spent 50% more than I would have to do, if this merger was done by now. You are supposed to be here for the consumer, not hurting them, and that is what your agency is doing by stalling on making the decision. I have XM in one vehicle and Sirius in another and if the merger was in effect and the a la carte' pricing in place, I would be spending much less per month.

At this point, consumers are tired of the games and politics being played in Washington DC and New York. Make a decision one way or the other, so we can move on, one way or the other. It is not that hard. The deal should have been approved months ago, yet the NAB, who is scared of competition and have lined their pockets in cash for many many years, tried to lobby everyone to block the merger and your agency fell into the trap.

Please do something a little more expeditiously. The consumers are the ones out here being abused by politics and investors being ravaged by manipulation and corruption that lines Wall Street in the meantime.

Thank you,

Jerome K Ruffin

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10/31/2007 7:32:17 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to rk0229@yahoo.com.

rk0229@yahoo.com wrote on 10/30/2007 1:57:54 PM :

Sir,

A truthful media is the our most important guarantor of freedom. It has already become very dangerously monopolized. Still further consolidation is unconscionable and serve no beneficial purpose.

G R Kerr

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11/26/2007 11:20:42 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to zij3@cox.net.

zij3@cox.net wrote on 11/23/2007 5:40:05 PM :

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The illegal tactics used by the NAB gives me great apprehension in the objectiveness of the entire process that is being used to determine the merger approval between XM and Sirius. Chairman Martin what is going to be done to the NAB or their surrogates that have instigated this clearly dubious tactic to sway your commission. This not just wrong but blatantly wrong and illegal, please tell me it is, if not illegal it should be. I know one of your assistants is going to read the letter but I hope my letter finds its way to you and I receive an answer, thank you.

The link to the article and a short excerpt is included below.

Constituents' E-Mail on XM Deal Not Well Received

By Jeffrey H. Birnbaum and Kim Hart <<http://projects.washingtonpost.com/staff/email/jeffrey+h.+birnbaum+and+kim+hart/>>Washington Post Staff Writers
Thursday, November 22, 2007; Page D01

Juanita Daigle of Baton Rouge <<http://www.washingtonpost.com/ac2/related/topic/Baton+Rouge?tid=informline>> is listed as one of the thousands of people who sent e-mails to the Federal Communications Commission <<http://www.washingtonpost.com/ac2/related/topic/U.S.+Federal+Communications+Commission?tid=informline>> opposing the proposed merger between the satellite radio networks XM and Sirius. But Daigle said she never sent an e-mail and is distressed that anyone would think she did. "How did they get my name?" she asked. "I don't want someone using my name for something I don't even know about."

Alonzo W. Miller

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11/23/2007 4:23:06 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to mark@miamilocators.com.

mark@miamilocators.com wrote on 11/23/2007 4:15:32 PM :

Its good for consumers - there is no reason why this should be held up so long. Quit being sheep to the large media corporations and approve this deal!!!

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11/27/2007 7:12:26 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to john_ecuyer@bellsouth.net.

john_ecuyer@bellsouth.net wrote on 11/26/2007 12:31:56 PM :

John Ecuyer (john_ecuyer@bellsouth.net) writes:

Chairman Martin:

I would like to comment regarding the proposed merger of XM with Sirius Satellite Radio.

I do not believe that there are competitive issues regarding the combination of the two companies. Left alone, one or both of these companies will not be a long term, viable competitor to land-based radio. Both are burning cash at a significant rate. Allowing the two companies to combine subscriber bases will ensure a viable competitor to corporate radio in the immediate and long-term.

However, allowing the merged company to control 100% of the satellite radio spectrum is not beneficial for the public. The initial XM/Sirius business model was flawed. With developing technologies and a better business model, I believe a new competitor can emerge. But this cannot be done without the available spectrum.

Therefore, I propose that the combined XM/Sirius return a portion of their spectrum back to the government for re-auctioning.

The initial license grants to XM and Sirius were under the premise of competition. My proposal provides for that to be maintained and continued.

Thank you for the opportunity for comment.

John Ecuyer

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10/12/2007 9:32:41 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to jerry1199@aol.com.

Jerry1199@aol.com wrote on 10/11/2007 10:44:53 AM :

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PLAIN AND SIMPLE - IT WILL REDUCE COMPETITION BETWEEN THE TWO.

LET THEM FIGHT IT OUT AND THE BEST WILL WIN.
(BETA VS VHS).

I HAD BOTH XM AND SIRIUS AND CURRENTLY WITH SIRIUS. I WENT WITH SAT RADIO SINCE REGULAR RADIO IS SO BAD.

MEL KARAMAZIN AND HOWARD STERN ALWAYS GET THEIR WAY.
TO ME THEY DESTROYED REGULAR RADIO WITH INSANE COSTS AND COMMERCIALS AND, IF THEY GET THEIR WAY, THEY WILL DO THE SAME WITH SAT RADIO.

THEY WILL DO THE SAME FOR SAT. RADIO - AFTER A FEW YEARS THE COSTS FOR SAT. RADIO WILL GO THRU THE ROOF SINCE THEY WILL BE THE ONLY GAME IN TOWN. RIGHT NOW THEY WILL PROMISE YOU THE MOON TO GET WHAT THEY WANT.

QUOTE- "FU*K THE FCC" - AND ALL THE OTHER BAD THINGS SAID AND STILL BEING SAID BY THE \$100 MILLION MAN AND YOU ARE GOING TO GIVE HIM WHAT HE AND MEL BOTH WANT- A BIGGER SHARE OF THE PIE (OVERNIGHT THEIR CUSTOMERS WILL DOUBLE).

WHEN JACKIE THE JOKEMAN LEFT HOWARD HE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING

IF HOWARD AND MEL HAD 100 MARBLES BETWEEN THEM AND HAD TO SHARE THEM WITH FRIENDS THEY WOULD WANT TO KEEP 98-99 MARBLES AND GIVE OTHERS ONLY 1 OR TWO.

DON'T GIVE HOWARD AND MEL THEIR MARBLES

See what's new at AOL.com <<http://www.aol.com?NCID=AOLCMP00300000001170>> and Make AOL Your Homepage <<http://www.aol.com/mksplash.adp?NCID=AOLCMP00300000001169>> .

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10/9/2007 2:19:06 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to atomixign@gmail.com.

atomixign@gmail.com wrote on 10/7/2007 2:28:52 PM :

Sir, please support the Sirius XM merger. I have to pay 25 dollars a month for both services so i can listen to both Baseball and Football. NASCAR and Hockey. Oprah and Howard Stern.

If they were allowed to merge I would be able to hear everything i want to hear on one receiver in my car instead of switching between the two. Satellite Radio is a niche. A luxury for truckers and commuters and sports fanatics. It's a wonderful product for hard working men and women who spend long hard hours on the road. But it would be even more wonderful if there was just one service. If the content wasn't divided between the two providers.

Respectfully - Joseph LaBar.

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10/9/2007 2:20:51 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to ambyers84@comcast.net.

ambyers84@comcast.net wrote on 10/8/2007 6:46:31 PM :

Dear Commissioner:

I write to urge you to approve the XM-Sirius merger request.

According to reports I have read, both companies are losing money, and I fear that they are not viable. It would be a shame to lose the programming that they offer. I understand that ensuring competition is a consideration, but I would rather ensure continuation of the programming by a viable, consolidated company, than ensure continued competition and risk the programming. In approving the merger, you can require appropriate guarantees regarding programming and cost in order to protect the public.

Thank you for your consideration.

Anne Byers

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cbedit@kingcon.com wrote on 11/7/2007 9:47:43 PM :

Dear Commissioners,

I strongly urge you not to grant Vermont Public Radio (VPR) access to 89.3. This frequency is currently used (at least here in northern Vermont) to access Sirius satellite radio, which we have obtained because VPR has left us in the Northeast Kingdom without access to VPR's classical music.

Please, let Sirius continue to have access to 89.3. Sirius does not disappoint us, nor does it plague us with pledge drives. Sirius delivers its money's worth without making us feel guilty for not paying even more!

Do not grant VPR access to this valuable frequency.

If you are not the correct people I should be writing to, please forward this message or let me know where to redirect it.

Thank you!

Cynthia Barber
Jon Day
1417 Maple Ridge
Newark, VT 05871

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11/5/2007 3:24:49 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to jgrierden@comcast.net.

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jgrierden@comcast.net wrote on 11/3/2007 10:33:29 PM :

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Dear Chairman,

I would like to tell you how badly Sirius satellite treats its' subscribers. Included in our subscription is the use of an internet stream of certain programs. This seems like a terrific idea because it gives us access to Sirius programming while at the computer, and also gives us the ability to record desired programming so it may be transferred to a portable mp3 player, such as an ipod.

The problem is that Sirius shuts off the internet stream after one and one half hours of listening. A person must be seated right at the computer to prevent it from shutting the programming off.

They did not inform us of this " rationing " of internet usage when we subscribed.

I have complained to Sirius of this continuing issue , but they are unconcerned.

Sirius is very good at promising whatever a customer wants to hear in order to obtain a subscription, and then turning a deaf ear to us.

I thought you might want to hear another side to the Sirius/XM issue. I feel that service will only get poorer in the future.

Thank you,
judith Grierden

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11/14/2007 12:39:21 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to martinw1200@gmail.com.

martinw1200@gmail.com wrote on 11/14/2007 12:38:55 AM :

How could a Sirius/XM monopoly possibly help consumers?

Please don't approve this travesty.

Martin Whitman
Overland Park, Kansas

(Sirius subscriber)

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11/13/2007 7:04:01 PM - Email Acknowledgement sent to kptphotog@yahoo.com.

kptphotog@yahoo.com wrote on 11/11/2007 1:27:12 PM :

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Dear Chariman Martin,

I am taking this opportunity to write you this email to lend my support for the merger of xm and sirius satellite radio companies into one company. I am an over the road truck driver and I have both xm and sirius satellite radios. I have to pay full monthly access fees for both services to be able to have access the programming on both services. There is some overlap of service such as with news channels and talk radio, but with each service having access to different sports packages (xm having major league baseball and hockey and sirius having nascar, nfl football, etc.) I have to pay for two services to get full coverage of what others can get at home from either over the air tv/radio broadcasts or cable/setellite coverage.

The merger will allow me, and most other truckers and those who travel alot, to have access to full programming without having to purchase, maintain and subscribe to two different satellite radio services. Even if the price of the service does increase, as long as it doesn't double in cost, then we will be getting a bargain in the long run.

Thank you for your time in this matter

Kevin Qualls
kptphotog@yahoo.com
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Blountville, TN 37617

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aryan@nfdc.net wrote on 10/17/2007 3:45:27 PM :

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Dear Mr. Kevin Martin and Officials:

There isn't any reason why you gentlemen shouldn't approve the merger between Sirius and XM Satellite Radio. Technology is constantly changing and what would be considered a monopoly a few years ago isn't any longer. Satellite radio has many competitors as I am sure you all are aware of. Sirius has agreed to bring down the price to consumers and they can pick and chose the stations they desire to subscribe to. The NAB has no legitimate reason to be against the merger. I have read that they (the NAB) are so underhanded that they purchased Sirius stock just so they can vote no to the merger. How underhanded is that? Please approve the merger as it's what the consumers and shareholers want. It truly is the RIGHT thing to do.

Please be honest gentlemen, and vote YES for the merger!

Thanks in advance,

Carolyn Aryan (customer and shareholder)

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9/27/2007 8:34:24 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to williammagazine@msn.com.

williammagazine@msn.com wrote on 9/26/2007 10:37:28 PM :

I write in support of the proposed merger of Sirius and XM satellite radio. I am a Sirius customer and love the service. From what I read, without the merger both companies will have trouble surviving. I know many people with with one service or the other, but no one who considered both. In fact most did not choose the service; they took whichever came with their vehicle. More competition comes form Ipods and regular radio. Standing in the way of this merger does not make sense. Please support approval of the merger.

Thank you.

-William Magazine
Rockville Maryland

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10/22/2007 6:49:14 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to marvhun@bellsouth.net.

marvhun@bellsouth.net wrote on 10/18/2007 3:18:29 PM :

It will not help the consumer to let the proposed merger of XM and Sirius Satellite. The consumer will eventually loose because of the monopoly of the Satellite companies. They will promise anything to get what they want and then they will raise the prices. Please do not allow them to merge together. Competition is always better for the consumers.

I tried to post this on your web site but it would not go through.

<<http://www.incredimail.com/index.asp?id=509&lang=9&rui=76443651>>

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10/18/2007 10:07:48 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to kenboone@verizon.net.

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kenboone@verizon.net wrote on 10/18/2007 6:24:01 AM :

Dear Sirs,

Thank you for your time in reading my letter. It is my hope that many others have done the same as I in writing to you, to help affect a change that can do nothing but benefit the consumer. I am one of those consumers, (I subscribe to Sirius) and after reading much of the reports and facts of the merger, can see no reason why the merger should not be approved. I do not hold stock in either of the companies, have no relatives with interests in either companies and have little interests in the situation other than to see a greater good done for the consumer.

I have been following the arguments on the upcoming merger between XM Radio and Sirius Radio for months, and cannot believe that this merger has not yet been approved. In the last months I have watched media tycoons like Rupert Murdoch acquire multiple media outlets and watched huge oil companies merge with little to no fanfare or issue.

Yet here I sit in amazement at the fact that two small entrepreneurial companies have to argue their case for months on end for no apparent reason.

If we look at the basics of the merger, what is in the offing is fairly straightforward. Satellite Radio in my opinion competes directly with free public radio. This is more fact than opinion. Free radio makes billions of dollars in advertising and inundates you with it so they may turn a profit. Satellite radio would rather give you more content, little to no advertising for a base fee instead. But regardless of any business plan, the simple fact is they are both still radio. If more proof of competition were needed, look at how hard the National Association of Broadcasters is lobbying against the merger! Why would they work so hard to stop something they claim isn't competition? Free radio is inundated with advertising, music choices are limited and reception is poor. Satellite radio on the other hand is none of that. Now currently, I pay 12.95\$ a month for access to better service, less ads and more music choices. This merger would do nothing but bring that monthly cost down. How is this bad for the consumer? In conclusion, I do hope that you will continue to keep the interest of the consumer in the forefront of your decision and let this merger pass without condition.

Again, thank you for your time

Sincerely,

Kenneth Boone

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10/30/2007 7:41:05 AM - Email Acknowledgement sent to kathyvest@comcast.net.

KathyVest@comcast.net wrote on 10/30/2007 12:57:34 AM :

Hello,

We've been watching MSNBC for years. We especially enjoy Hardball and Countdown. I'm writing to express my extreme displeasure with the fact that NBC is choosing to move MSNBC from analog to digital in the Portland, OR market.

Now we have to pay an additional \$8 a month just to watch MSNBC on Comcast - that's almost \$100 a year just to watch this one channel.

Also, the new cable box we have to rent from Comcast blocks the HD broadcasts that we used to get for free through our TV's tuner; Comcast will gladly charge us another \$6.50 a month to get the HD broadcasts we used to get for free.

NBC obviously get lots of money from advertisers on MSNBC - why should we have to pay extra to watch this channel? Also, Comcast told me that this change is only affecting the Portland, OR market. This is clearly a liberal area - it seems natural that people in this area would enjoy a channel with a liberal viewpoint. Why not move MSNBC from analog to digital in areas where people don't watch MSNBC.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kathy Vest
Vancouver, WA