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I live approximately three miles south of Ottumwa, IA on U.S. Highway 63.

Dish Network has provided my television signal since 1997. I received distant network stations until December of 1996 at which time they were shut off because of a law suit in Florida and FCC rules.

Dish network offered to install an over the air antenna at no charge so I could receive the network stations. The antenna was not able to receive the stations, partly because we live in a hilly area.

Local stations would not grant a waiver to receive distant stations and Dish Network does not provide local channels in this area. Consequently we do without.

I urge the FCC to amend its Rules and Regulations to permit small dish users to receive the next closest "out of DMA" signals of television networks which are not available in their own DMA, regardless of whether or not local-into-local signals are available.

I urge the Commission to allow reception of the closet "in state", out of DMA" network signals in satellite receivers when there is no "DMA" network signal available, regardless of whether or not the satellite providers offer local-into-local programming.