



RADIO companies! The same ones who say that satellite radio is their competition. HELLO!!! and iPods/iPhones and Harddrives aren't? What a bunch of baloney.

Lately all I hear about is how this Attorney general OPPOSES this deal and this Attorney General wants restrictions. WELL WOULDN'T YOU IF BIG TIME LOBBYISTS(\$\$\$\$\$ FOR YOUR CAMPAIGN) WERE DONATING BIG TIME TO YOUR AGENDA?!?!? WE ARE NOT STUPID!!!! WE SEE WHAT IS GOING ON HERE!IT'S REALLY QUITE SIMPLE...

DECISIONS AREN'T MADE BASED ON FACTS...

THEY ARE MADE BASED ON HOW MUCH \$\$\$ IS PUT IN YOUR POCKETS REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOU KNOW IS RIGHT!

I hope you come to the right decision...

I have send it to the FCC

My letter to Rob McKenna, Attorney General

Apr 29th, 2008 by Jesse Moore

This morning I read this article on how Washington State had joined 13 other states in writing a letter to the FCC in an attempt to block the merger between Sirius Satellite Radio and XM Satellite Radio. I definitely have better and bigger things to worry about, but this whole issue just makes the principled part of me stand at attention. I get all fired up when the government starts telling me what's good for me, especially without asking for my input. After reading the article I felt prompted to give my input, so I wrote a quick little letter to the Attorney General of Washing State:

This morning I read online that Washington State had just joined 13 other states in writing a letter to the FCC against the merger of Sirius Satellite Radio and XM Satellite Radio. I couldn't find any details that said that it came specifically from the office of the Attorney General, so I'm writing in the hopes of getting some clarification: does your office have a formal position against this

merger?

I would hope not. As I consider it, there is entirely too much to-do over this proposed merger between two companies that provide what I consider a luxury service: on a subscription model I can choose to pay for more listening options with a continuity of programming that I have access to no matter how far from home I might wander. Living in an often gridlocked Puget Sound, my quality of life has been greatly improved by the acquisition of satellite radio, which gives me the option of listening to commercial-free radio during my drive time or over my computer while I'm at work, without the constant interruption of a prattling dj.

I'm sure that local terrestrial radio stations are freaking out - but competition is forcing them to re-examine their business model, and this is better for their consumers. I still listen to local stations for area weather, news, sports, traffic and music information because satellite radio does not currently have the ability to give me that information on a localized level. And while the local radio stations consider themselves a "FREE" alternative to satellite radio, their listeners pay dearly - listening to a glut of commercials, specifically timed to when their consumers are stuck in the cars, forced to listen.

Did you also write a letter opposing the merger of Exxon-Mobile? I would like to think that you did, but I'm willing to guess that you didn't. Thanks in some part to that merger (which took no time to approve in comparison), I may be forced to consider some of my "luxury" services. I can either pay for satellite radio and get quality programming in a quality signal for a month, or I can buy three more gallons of gas. Merger or not, I can always choose to end my subscription of satellite radio. I only wish my relationship with Exxon-Mobile was the same.

The Department of Justice has made their decision - and while it took them over 13 months to do so, their decision was fair and informed. I'd like to think that you are looking out for our interests, but I fail to see how fighting this merger accomplishes that.

By the way - it's not too late to do something about that oil thing - you know, the one where we're actually forced to pay a premium thanks to the merger of giant conglomerates. I would suggest writing a letter - that seems to make the news.

Part of me feels very guilty for having written this, and that's because I'm also aware that I'm going to be paying more for food, that no one seems to be worried about being over-run with horses, and that the falling American dollar is only making everything worse. There's plenty of doom-and-gloom to write about, and while I don't write about everything, we all have our soapboxes.

I think it is a disgrace that this merger has been in limbo for so long. This is a tiny company in a large industry. By holding up this merger you have allowed big financial investors to create rumors, short the two stocks and make a fortune all at the expense of the small investor who most are also customers of this product.

It appears obvious that the only reason this merger is being held up for so long and had so much scrutiny is because all the politicians in DC receive money from NAB, Clear Channel or one of the other radio conglomerates also politicians appear to be afraid of losing the chance to advertise on radio stations if Satellite radio were to grow too big.

But the reality is Clear Channel and the other cash cow companies have never done anything for the consumer. They have more commercials, reception over the last 20 years has not gotten better - if you are not in a targeted market you can't even get reception. HD radio is the one attempt in the last 50 years to actually give something to the consumer and the only reason they did that was from Satellite competition.

Stop protecting the large cash cow corporations that politicians receive money from and stop the large institutional investors from making fortunes off of your delay.

Sincerely

Sirius customer and investor

I think what angers me the most, is how cavalier the FCC is about time lines. It's as if no one in the Government has any sense of

urgency as they don't live in the real world, pay their own bills, run their own companies.

THIS is a fine example of why 80% of American's think the country is going in the wrong direction and only 23% of Americans supporting this failed President. Add to this Congress 16% approval rating and you have a failed President, Congress and Democracy..... as we make fun of China and France.

Laughable.

One has to question what the FCCs purpose is?? With SIRI/XMSR it seems to be destroy free American business, cost SIRI/XMSR unknown millions with delay, try to control the airwaves with censorship, hinder technology to appease the special interest groups who want a piece of the pie, piss on the consumer cause the government wants to control and interfere with everything, suppress the consumer and deny them the best radio experience at the best price, and do it all in the name of protecting Americans best interest... What a freaking joke our government and country has become... I have about lost complete respect for the system, and it will be completely gone soon if the FCC continues to delay an easy decision at this point on merger... Restrictions should be Al Carte pricing and a price lock, and limited spectrum give up, otherwise we might as well live in the Soviet Union or Red China, and let the government rule and dictate everything...

Broadcasters Channeled \$9M Into Lobbying

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TV, Radio Broadcasters Spent \$9 Million in 2007 to Lobby on Cable, Satellite Radio Issues

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The National Association of Broadcasters spent nearly \$9 million in 2007 to lobby on digital TV, cable and satellite radio matters.

The trade group, which represents more than 8,300 free local television and radio stations, spent more than \$4.6 million in the second half of 2007 to lobby the federal government, according to a

disclosure form posted online Feb. 14 by the Senate's public records office.

NAB is lobbying against Sirius Satellite Radio Inc.'s proposed \$5 billion buyout of rival XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc., a deal the group sees as a monopoly maker. The Justice Department recently approved the buyout, which still requires clearance from the Federal Communications Commission.

Broadcasters are also fighting several high-tech companies that want to use unlicensed and unoccupied TV channels, or white space, for high-speed Internet service across. The FCC is still testing equipment needed to access and deliver broadband service without interfering with TV programming. The NAB says the technology is unproven and shouldn't be approved.

The trade group is also heavily involved in the nationwide transition to digital programming. It has strongly advocated for a mandate that cable operators carry both digital and analog signals for three years after the February 2009 switch.

NAB was also involved in issues related to radio royalties and media ownership.

NAB, whose members include Walt Disney Co.'s ABC division and Univision Communications Inc., spent almost \$4.3 million in the first six months of 2007 to lobby on largely the same issues.

Lobbyists are required to disclose activities that could influence members of the executive and legislative branches, under a federal law enacted in 1995.

I think the actions of the NAB have all but guaranteed the merger's approval. I mean any reasonable person can see by the amount of heavy lobbying that terrestrial and satellite radio will compete directly. Period. Nothing else could generate this much fear. It is comical to suggest that a monopoly is being created because a company will

become more able to compete in the marketplace. The whole thing is totally ridiculous. It's exactly like suggesting that satellite TV isn't in competition with cable TV.

I just got back in town and got a package from Schwab wanting to borrow my shares. what's this all about? (This shows you how the FCC approval of the up tick rule really has hurt the common people more than it's helped, also taking so long to decide by the FCC is causing havoc for the common shareholder

I could go on and on and on, but why, they don't respond anyway, why should they care, I am just the a "little lone taxpayer" not a big Senator, or a huge company (Nab) able to give money to the fcc member salary, and for what??????? Never in the history of the FCC has a decision taken so long, and in my opinion, so corrupt!!!