

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed Comcast-NBC merger.

A merger of this size would give one company unprecedented control over media content and platforms. It would allow the largest cable and Internet access provider to control one of the nation's largest media companies. It would also give Comcast-NBC an incentive to prioritize its own online content over other content and stifle the free flow of Internet traffic.

That's too much power for one company, and it threatens competition and innovation at a moment when new forms of online video delivery are emerging.

This merger would negatively affect competition and prompt a new wave of media consolidation as other companies scramble to match Comcast-NBC's market power, making these problems even worse.

A bigger, more powerful Comcast will do nothing to address the pressing need for better media in our communities and our democracy. The FCC must stop this merger.

I am not comfortable at all with the idea that the company that I pay to provide access to cable could then be in control of what content is available on the stations I watch, and especially not when they are producing shows about people vomiting. For them to provide the access to channels is one thing, for them to take over an entire network altogether, and be in a position to restrict other channels not in their network and influence the shows produced on one of the three major networks is another matter. Comcast has a monopoly on cable service in our area, if they merge with nbc and then use that as a reason to restrict my cable access against competing networks, I will not have any other choice in cable providers. I could go to satellite, I suppose, but I prefer cable. If they are going to provide cable access to paying customers, they should be providing that service across the board, and without such a conflict of interest. I believe that such a merger would provi!

de a conflict of their interest vs the interest of the customers they are supposed to be serving with cable access. I don't understand how it is that a cable provider is able to control an area in the first place, with other cable providers being unable to come in and compete with them, but if you allow comcast to do this sort of stuff, then the least you could do is open the way for other cable providers to come in to an area and offer services so that the consumer may decide for herself which company she wants to buy these services from. That way, if comcast does merge with nbc, a consumer can choose a different cable provider who might offer other networks without such restrictions. As it is, I was an adelphia customer, and comcast took them over. The quality of the transmissions and clarity of pictures has gone down a lot since we got switched over from adelphia to comcast. It has at least improved some, but it is still far lacking.

Likewise, I would not like to be stuck with comcast as my internet provider, I am thankful that I at least have some choice in who I pay to provide internet access, and I am thankful to have verizon and not

comcast, as what I have heard of them in the news and on the web has been just terrible when it comes to the level of service they provide, and I am satisfied with having my phone and web provided by verizon. We have been debating whether to get verizon fios for our cable needs instead, but fios isn't available in our area, and not a viable choice for us at this time, so again it comes back to only having one choice for cable, and I don't want to see it become a conflict of interest which I believe would become a detriment to the services I pay them for.