

I am writing concerning the proposed merger between NBC and Comcast Corporation. I believe in order to restore competition in the United States, as a pre-condition of merger the FCC should consider restoring the policy of capping total market share to 30% for cable companies.

I'll note my opinions have not always been so. I will note, that during the MediaOne and AT&T merger I stated my opinion to the FCC that basically having a larger company of scale should improve the end-user experience for consumers. I've since retracted from that position following that merger. At that time, I recall that both AT&T and MediaOne combined would create a company above the 30% market share cap. Subsequently, the Adelphia Cable network acquisition and later AT&T and Comcast merger agreement surpassed this threshold by an even wider margin. So this time around, I thought I would write and ask that the FCC please impose as a condition of this NBC transaction that Comcast bring itself back into compliance with a 30% market share cap. Or at least equal with the second largest cable TV provider to bring competition back in order. As a condition the company should either have to spin-off the extra cable systems as a separate trust company, or a sell off of separate systems until Comcast reaches a threshold of either 30% nationally or to at least the second largest cable tv provider (by amount of total combined customers.) Such a move should restore competition nationally in getting cable networks built out across the country. At the time I didn't see the wisdom of that FCC mandate but I now do and hope it will be brought back.