

A merger between XM and Sirius would create a monopoly in the satellite radio industry. This merger should not be allowed.

The danger behind this merger comes from the fact that a new competitor in the market of satellite radio would require a significant amount of venture capital to bring their own satellites into orbit.

If this merger is allowed, the only conceivable conditions would be to require the Sirius and XM satellites to become public property. Thus, any entrepreneurial individual or organization could become a competitor in the satellite radio industry by filing for broadcasting rights to the public satellites.

Until orbiting satellite technology becomes more mainstream and accessible to smaller groups, the merger should not be allowed without the conditions mentioned above.