

To whom it may concern,

I am a fan of Satellite radio. I began with XM Satellite Radio in approximately 2004. I switched to Sirius within 1-2 years. Now, I am still a subscriber after Sirius/XM merged.

I am writing to ask you, the FCC, to release SiriusXM from all price restrictions at this time. After a long and drawn out 18 month process where you questioned whether it was prudent to allow two failing companies to merge, you almost bankrupted the company. It goes without saying that your organization has allowed far larger and more powerful companies to merge with much less scrutiny. But that is the past...

Now, after a three year price freeze imposed by the FCC, Sirius has requested to be able to move forward in adjusting pricing if necessary. If you look closely at the financial information for SIRI, it's apparent that this company is not swimming in profit. In fact, they are barely breaking even. However, Sirius is still moving forward with creating a more customizable and inclusive service and is working daily to upgrade and provide more features to its' current and future subscribers.

My point is that if SIRI raises prices in the future, they will do so because they have spent so much time and money improving the service. I, for one, feel \$10-\$15/month is a steal for the level of quality audio entertainment i receive from SiriusXM. With all of the improvements, it's not outrageous to me that SiriusXM would want to raise pricing after three years. In this day and age, people routinely purchase \$3-\$4 cups of coffee. A gallon of gas is \$3-\$4. Considering a price increase would consist of \$1-\$2/month more, I do not think you should impose any future restrictions.

Finally, please keep in mind that SiriusXM is not a utility that is required to live in this society. It is a creature-comfort...it's a service that is paid for with discretionary income by users that have a choice to listen to AM/FM/CD or MP3 players instead. There is no need for government intervention here. And please look above at the numerous choices (also internet radio and various other options to listen to audio) for proof that satellite radio is NOT a monopoly by any stretch of the word.

If you are interested in price freezes, please look to the national conglomeration of cable television providers. As opposed to satellite radio, cable television, home phone and internet access in the home are more or less "necessary utilities" in this day and age. With my cable television provider charging me approximately \$185 per month for these three services, there is no other company or service where i feel so cheated and ripped off. Not to mention the \$200 penalty if you decide to cancel, even after three years. This is an absolute CRIME and the cable companies should be prosecuted and should reduce prices by at least 25% immediately.

Sirius satellite radio has done nothing but struggle through the last five years to finally make it to

profitability. They want to improve their service. They will need to raise pricing. It's time for the FCC to step back and let this company provide an excellent audio service to its' voluntary subscribers.

I am willing to pay more for this service that i know will reward me with even greater service in return. I feel that most people that subscribe to SiriusXM feel the same way. I would gladly pay 50% more for this service as long as they keep increasing the quality and scope of entertainment.

Thank you...

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