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One of the things that happens in today's business world when two businesses merge is they look for things to "dump" in order to lessen their burden after the merger. Unfortunately, all of these executives happen to live and prosper in the cities of our wonderful nation and give little to no thought to the people who live in the rural areas. Those folks living in the rural areas depend on information that is totally mud to the executives making the decisions of the items to "dump". A point in case is RFD-TV. This ONE venue of information covers the whole rest of the United States with the things needed by those who own or operate ranches or farms, large or small. And because of the distances, satellite tv is the easiest way to disseminate this information to the scattered population.

I would appreciate the FCC making policy that during these mergers, the participants MUST keep RFD-TV and rural tv as part of the larger entertainment packages, and that RFD-TV be kept on Basic Package at all times. This will ensure that all the possible viewers have access to the type of information they NEED, not just the type of entertainment the companies decide to show.

Thank you very much for allowing me to provide my input in this very important matter before you at this time.

/s/ Fred Schmidt