

I fully support the merger. My experience with Charlie Ergen's Company has always been outstanding. This merger will not only put cable and satellite on an even playing field it will greatly improve on the DirectTV Customers experience. Dish has always been good to work with, and very fair.

For example when our local TV provider did not negotiate fairly with Dish Network, Dish offered the Local package for free, came to my home and installed a \$75 off air antenna for free, and without any hassle. The local ABC affiliate said it was Dish that would not negotiate fairly, which I do not believe since Charlie put his \$ where his mouth was, and I alone cost him over \$100. Times that by all people that received the same, now that's a lot of \$. No network would offer that... Anyway I feel that with the new HDTV rollout this merger is not necessarily an option, it's a must!! Why duplicate bandwidth on the satellites. Let alone the benefits that the Satellite Internet would provide. (right now honestly Satellite Internet is way too costly, and unreliable for most users, but with the merger I believe that the bugs will be fixed, and price will go down to compete with Cable Internet, and DSL connections. Thank you so much for reading my thoughts. I would be greatly disappointed if the merger fell through, and the Cable Giant would win (again). I attended the SKYFORUM in Las Vegas this year and heard the argument from both sides, and clearly Dish and Direct should become one, Those who were against the merger only had their own pockets to line, and their businesses could have been jeopardized (ie: A Cable Lobbyist, and Pegasus) Please Respond to let me know that my letter was actually read, and that I did not just waste a half hour of my time. Thanks again, Kyle Frongner