

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

When I moved to the Cincinnati Area 8 years ago, I was offered Time Warner Cable. I took it for a year. During that time I had lousy reception, and no help when I asked for service. They then came in and told me I had to take an upgrade to their fiber optic cable service at an additional cost to me. I told them I didn't want it and to take their service(?)out. Since then I have had Dishnetwork. And I love it. Reasonable, steady, good picture. I have had it for seven years, and the prices have stayed low. I got a call from Time Warner about six months after I discontinued their service. The gentleman was a regional manager and asked me why I discontinued their service. We talked about five minutes and found out that they had been charging me for a set top box that I didn't even need because I wasn't taking any of the premium channels. Dishnetwork is not a monopoly; It is a choice. Direct TV could not afford to keep operating the way it was. they had severe losses. But Dishnetwork was able to keep the price low because they were efficient, and they were profitable. If Dishnetwork did raise their prices too much, I could always switch to Time Warner again(God, I hope not). With the combination of Dishnetwork and Direct TV, all the satellite broadcast customers will have better service, more channels, and more selection of programming at the right price than ever before. I am severely handicapped and appreciate the variety of programming that Dish offers. I hope you will get off your butts and approve this deal so I can have the Sunday Ticket Football programming this fall.

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