

December 20, 2010

Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket No. 10-56 (Comcast-NBC acquisition)

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Please find attached the signatures and comments of over 55,000 consumers petitioning the FCC to oppose the Comcast-NBC transaction. Specifically, the Petition states:

“I believe Comcast’s proposed takeover of NBC/Universal is a bad deal for consumers, and I urge you to vote NO on this merger!

Comcast may promise good behavior now, because it wants your vote, but I believe this merger will bring me cable TV price hikes and reduced free over-the-air and Internet TV programming. The best programs will disappear into high priced tiers only for cable subscribers.

The combination of NBC’s content with Comcast’s distribution power would create a media giant of unmatched size and scope which, if approved, will control the market in my area. If Comcast raises prices or pulls programs from free channels, I will have no choice but to pay more because there's almost no competition in the cable market already. I won't be getting more by paying more--I'll just pay more for the same or less.

Annual cable rate increases already run about triple the rate of inflation because I can’t vote with my feet. You must reject mergers if they are bad for consumers, and I believe the proposed marriage of these two media behemoths will result in less competition, higher costs and fewer content choices for my family.

I urge you to vote NO on the Comcast takeover of NBC/Universal.”

Respectfully Submitted,



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Attachment