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This communication is being made in respect of the proposed business combination involving SIRIUS and XM. In connection with the proposed transaction, SIRIUS has filed with the SEC a Registration Statement on Form S-4 containing a definitive Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus and each of SIRIUS and XM may file with the SEC other documents regarding the proposed transaction. The Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus was first mailed to stockholders of SIRIUS and XM on or about October 9, 2007. **INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF SIRIUS AND XM ARE URGED TO READ THE JOINT PROXY**

STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS, AS WELL AS OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION.

Investors and security holders can obtain free copies of the Registration Statement and the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus and other documents filed with the SEC by SIRIUS and XM through the web site maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. Free copies of the Registration Statement and the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus and other documents filed with the SEC can also be obtained by directing a request to Sirius Satellite Radio Inc., 1221 Avenue of the Americas, 36th Floor, New York, NY 10020, Attention: Investor Relations or by directing a request to XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc., 1500 Eckington Place, N.E. Washington, DC 20002, Attention: Investor Relations.

SIRIUS, XM and their respective directors and executive officers and other persons may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transaction. Information regarding SIRIUS directors and executive officers is available in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006, which was filed with the SEC on March 1, 2007, and its proxy statement for its 2007 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 23, 2007, and information regarding XM's directors and executive officers is available in XM's Annual Report on Form 10-K, for the year ended December 31, 2006, which was filed with the SEC on March 1, 2007 and its proxy statement for its 2007 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 17, 2007. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, is contained in the Joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus filed with the SEC.

SIRIUS' website, which is available at www.SIRIUSmerger.com and has information about SIRIUS' proposed merger, has been updated. The updates include the information being filed herewith.

In addition, the [In the News](#) page of the website also contains links to the following third-party articles:

chicagotribune.com

TRIBUNE EDITORIAL BOARD INTERVIEW: MEL KARMAZIN

A conversation with Mel Karmazin, CEO of Sirius Satellite Radio

November 9, 2007

Mel Karmazin, chief executive officer of Sirius Satellite Radio, met with the Tribune editorial board Wednesday to discuss the proposed merger of Sirius with XM Satellite Radio, shock jock Howard Stern and the intense competition in media markets.

Tribune: Why should the Federal Communications Commission and the Justice Department approve the merger of Sirius and XM Satellite Radio?

Karmazin: Arbitron says that XM and Sirius together represent 4 percent of the radio listening market. It's bizarre for me to think that anybody could think that in this whole area of audio entertainment there isn't plenty of competition, and new competition coming every day. Not only do we compete with all of the radio stations that exist, we also compete with all of the other alternatives that have come along since we've gotten our license.

We currently compete with free [radio].

You're listening to this boring AM and FM radio that's around. And one day, you want satellite radio, or you buy a car that has satellite radio, and after a trial period you decide you don't want to have satellite radio, and then you go back to free. So when we compete with free, we're more apt to get a subscriber at \$6.99 than at \$12.95. So when you're a company that has lost all of this money, and we are continuing to lose money, the ability to reduce prices—which is what we would like to do—doesn't happen.

The way it happens is through this merger. The efficiencies have been estimated between \$3 [billion] and \$9 billion. Our plan would be that we would offer consumers lower prices and more choice. By giving them lower prices and more choice, including a la carte offerings, we think that serves the public interest. From our point of view, the merger should be a no-brainer.

Tribune: What happens if the FCC does not approve the merger?

Karmazin: Sirius will sue.

Tribune: Was the Howard Stern deal a winner? He all but credits you for saving his life, his career.

Karmazin: I'm not sure I'd like to be known for that. Howard got \$80 million a year in cash. To make that deal work, you need a million subscribers paying \$120 a year or \$12.95 a month.

The day I started, which was a month after he started, there were 700,000 [Sirius] subscribers. Our last number that we issued was 7.7 million. Now, if you ask Howard, those 7 million subscribers all came because of him. But, do we believe that we received over a million subscribers [because of Stern]? Yes. I think Howard has helped satellite radio.

Tribune: There was all this buildup about what Stern would be like once he had the shackles off. Did you get what you expected?

Karmazin: Part of his act was that he'd always complain about things. Well, he's a pretty happy guy now. It used to be better radio when he was bitching, right? But he doesn't have the FCC [Federal Communications Commission] to complain about. From my point of view, just using the F-word or using some of the language that you're allowed to use on satellite radio that you couldn't use in terrestrial radio, I mean, at my age, I don't find that to be the attraction. I've always thought that Howard was a comedian. I used to commute to work, I'd listen to him to make my commute go better.

Tribune: What is your take on Google announcing it was moving toward wireless phones?

Karmazin: When I see these announcements, my hope is that somebody at the Department of Justice and the FCC are reading these same announcements. Because I'm aware of all of this competition. I'm just hoping they're seeing it as well.

I've never seen as quick a movement on technology. The consumer has sort of won, right? The consumer is now able to get all of his content, whatever kind of content he wants—whether it be video, whether it be audio, whether you want it in your car, you want it in your home, you want it while you're walking down the street, you want it in any form. A company, in order to survive, is going to have to have great content.

Tribune: Do you censor your own channels?

Karmazin: Someone has to draw the line. We censor ourselves on where the line is. Our president of programming, it's his responsibility for everything that comes through his speakers. I hear things from time to time that I disagree with and I will discuss it with him. You have to have that responsibility and I think that everybody does. But in our case where the FCC's issue was that you say the F-word and you're gonna get fined, now we don't have that issue, and our talk-show hosts do say the F-word from time to time, but I want to make sure they're not saying it for the shock value.

FCC Action Sparks Optimism On XM-Sirius Deal

Forbes.com

Ruthie Ackerman, 11.06.07, 11:30 PM ET

The Federal Communications Commission doesn't ring twice. So when news broke Tuesday that the FCC had sent XM Satellite Radio Holdings and Sirius Satellite Radio questionnaires last week seeking detailed information pertaining to their planned merger as well as their business operations over the last two years, investors bet it meant the deal will win approval.

Sirius shares shot up 4.8%, or 16 cents, to \$3.51 at the close on Tuesday, while XM's shares soared 11.7%, or \$1.55, to \$14.82.

Bear Stearns analyst Robert Peck said the requests were extremely detailed and structured around four topics including corporate documents and agreements, studies and analyses, technical questions, and claimed public interest benefits. The FCC also devoted a whole section to requests for information on interoperable radios, which would allow programming for both services to run on satellite radios. The FCC asked both companies to respond to the requests by November 16.

Given the specificity of the questions, Peck said, he wouldn't be surprised if the FCC was close to finalizing its order on the merger. Given the tight deadline the companies have to respond and the fact that the FCC still plans to make its decision by the end of the 180-day period, which ends on December 6, Peck thinks the FCC's urgency is a positive sign. The Department of Justice likely is close to allowing the deal, which would necessitate the FCC to expeditiously complete the documentation process, Peck said. If the Department of Justice were close to denying the deal, the need for such detailed information would not have arisen in the first place.

Peck recently announced his revised synergy estimate on the value of the two companies once they merged at \$5 billion, implying Sirius could be worth about \$5.50 per share and XM could be worth \$23.50 per share in fiscal year 2008.

Meanwhile, on October 25, XM's tumbled after the company announced that its third-quarter loss jumped 70.1% to \$145.4 million, or 47 cents per share, from \$85.5 million, or 32 cents per share, a year ago.

The widening loss at XM, which has never had a profitable year, makes a successful outcome of its proposed merger with Sirius even more important. (See [XM Sinks Further Into The Red](#)) The companies are hoping their combination will boost profitability with big cost savings. (See [XM and Sirius: When Satellites Collide](#)).

The FCC and Department of Justice are reviewing the merger request to deem whether it's legal under antitrust regulations. Shareholders of both XM and Sirius are slated to vote on the proposed roughly 50-50 ownership on November 13. If approved, the union would not be sealed until the Justice Department and the FCC sign the dotted line.

XM + Sirius = Patience

The Motley Fool

<http://www.fool.com/investing/high-growth/2007/11/06/xm-sirius-patience.aspx>

Rick Aristotle Munarriz

November 6, 2007

Is this what we're down to? The FCC is sending out a questionnaire to **Sirius** (Nasdaq: SIRI) and **XM** (Nasdaq: XMSR), requesting even *more* information? It wants to know about content overlap and radio interoperability. Hmm. Don't you think these questions could have been raised when the merger was first announced nearly nine months ago?

A lot has happened in that time. An entire baseball season has played itself out, and those cats play more than 160 games before heading into the postseason!

Then again, this is probably the most encouraging sign yet that the two companies will be allowed to combine within the next few months, if not sooner. The deal regulators are now like a girl at the bar who has dodged your advances but hasn't shot you down completely. All Mel Karmazin needs now is one more drink and the perfect pickup line to seal the deal.

A hookup didn't seem possible back in February. There were too many negative precedents, including the satellite television deal between **DIRECTV** (NYSE: DTV) and DISH Network parent **EchoStar** (Nasdaq: DISH) that was shot down five years ago.

However, Sirius and XM have responded like champs to every hoop that they have been asked to jump through. They are now on record as saying that lower-priced plans will be available post-merger, a major sticking point with critics of the deal.

So now it's time for the FCC to jump through many of those hoops. If the deal goes through, which concessions must take place? Which assets need to be sold off? What assurances must it require?

XM and Sirius are likely to comply. Both companies continue to lose money as they grow their subscriber bases, though a combination would result in billions in realized savings. Now with more than 16 million subscribers combined, the long wait has actually worked to the deal's advantage.

It's not just the long baseball season that has played itself out. A lot has happened since February.

Some carmakers announced the availability of terrestrial radio-friendly HD receivers.

Audio jacks for **Apple** (Nasdaq: AAPL) iPods are standard equipment in even more cars.

Apple rolled out the iPhone and iPod Touch, making music even more portable via WiFi.

Napster (Nasdaq: NAPS) and **RealNetworks** (Nasdaq: RNWK) have grown their base of music service subscribers.

It all adds up to an even more competitive landscape in audio content delivery than where we were when XM and Sirius were proposing to get hitched.

The FCC s got questions? I know why. It s because it already knows the inevitable answer.

Other things to read before the wedding invitation arrives:

Save the Date. Satellite Radio

The Satellite Radio Wedding Album

Before XM Kisses Sirius

Radio & Records

Originally Posted On Nov 2, 2007 6:57 PM ET

Analyst: DOJ Will Clear Satcaster Merger

By Jeffrey Yorke

Shares of Sirius and XM jumped 5% apiece Friday (Nov. 2) after Cowen & Co. analyst Tom Watts sent a morning note to his clients that Thomas Barnett, assistant attorney general for the Justice Department's Antitrust Division, will approve the proposed \$13.6 billion merger between the two satellite radio companies.

In his Quick Take note, Watts said that the approval would come despite a staff recommendation against the deal, which could be heard as early as next week. Watts said the assistant AG's acting contrary to the recommendations of his staff would be similar to the DOJ's approval of Whirlpool's acquisition of Maytag. Last year, Whirlpool bid to acquire Maytag, consolidating the U.S. dishwasher market to a 50% share and the washer/dryer market to a 70% share. While the DOJ staff was positioning to block the deal and had even taken sworn testimony from competitors and suppliers to prepare a court challenge to the deal it was approved by Barnett.

We continue to expect both DOJ and FCC approval of the deal, Watts wrote. Denying the deal would have to be based on the ludicrous position that satellite radio does not compete with terrestrial radio and any other form of mobile communications.

Watts added that he believes a decision could be as soon as next week.

Nearly 60 million shares of SIRI traded hands Friday as the stock price increased 16 cents to close at \$3.28, while 6.7 million shares of XMSR were sold, ending the day with a gain of 67 cents to \$13.12 a share.

Meanwhile, ISS, the independent proxy advisory firm, on Friday recommended that Sirius and XM shareholders vote in favor of the proposed merger. The recommendation comes on the heels of same recommendation from Glass, Lewis & Co. earlier in the week.

Orbitcast

More support for the merger coming in...

3 comments

Monday, November 5, 2007 at 10:59 AM

Tags: Merger, Merger Support, Satellite Radio, Sirius, XM

XM and Sirius have just issued [a press release](#) highlighting additional support for their pending merger.

Among those cited in the release are NASCAR and Senators John Ensign (R-NV) and Jim DeMint (R-SC), as well as some on-air talent like Former U.S. Senator Bill Bradley, Tony Hawk and progressive talk radio/television personality Bill Press.

We already saw the Senators support last week, though it would be nice to see some additional support from others on The Hill.

Then there's NASCAR Digital Entertainment, which filed some comments with the FCC on behalf of NASCAR fans who subscribe to satellite radio:

We hope that the proposed merger will lead to more flexible programming options for consumers, which will lead to an increase in the number of people that receive NASCAR-related satellite radio programming. Also, I understand that, post-merger, NASCAR fans that are satellite radio subscribers will be able to enjoy the best of both SIRIUS and XM without having to purchase two radios or pay for two separate subscriptions.

As well as other comments:

Merger synergies will decrease duplicative programming and result in expanded variety and more unique content unavailable anywhere else, wrote Bill Bradley

...the merger will allow the new company to offer a variety of exciting new programming packages, some of which will enable subscribers to choose specific channels at lower monthly prices than are available today, wrote Tony Hawk.

I support the merger because it will best serve the listening public by providing a strong, national platform for the great diversity of voices and opinions that are the fabric of America—especially progressive voices, which are seldom heard on terrestrial radio, said Bill Press.

I guess it's always a good thing to flex some PR muscle and highlight support. And I understand the underlying message: government, content partners, and hosts/employees all support the merger—but is it me, or does this seem somewhat... uninspired?

In addition, the [What People Are Saying](#) and [Merger Resources](#) pages of the website also contain links to the following information included on the website:

.. . 217 8th. St., S.E. ... Washington, D.C. 20003 .. . The Bill Press Show November 7, 2007 Honorable Kevin J. Martin Chairman, FCC 455 12th. St., SW Washington, D.C. 20554 Dear Chairman Martin: As host of The Bill Press Show, heard daily, 6-9 a.m., on Sirius Left, Channel 146, I am writing to strongly endorse the proposed merger of Sirius and XM Satellite Radio. I support the merger because it will best serve the listening public by providing a strong, national platform for the great diversity of voices and opinions that are the fabric of America especially progressive voices, which are seldom heard on terrestrial radio. Satellite radio is everywhere. It offers a wide menu of listening options, from news to music to talk. And, as I can tell from calls to my own show, it is attracting a growing number of listeners from across the political spectrum. Combining the forces of Sirius and XM, I believe, will only make for better programming, expanded reach, lower prices, and ever more listeners. I respectfully urge your timely approval of the Sirius and XM merger as in the best interest of radio listeners everywhere. Sincere regards, Bill Press The radio revolution has begun.

October 15, 2007 Mr. Thomas Barnett Assistant Attorney General Antitrust Division United States Department of Justice 950 Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530 Dear Assistant Attorney General Barnett: On behalf of NASCAR Digital Entertainment, LLC (NASCAR Digital), I write in support of the proposed merger between XM Satellite Radio and Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. We believe that the proposed merger will result in a stronger satellite radio platform for NASCAR-related programming in the audio entertainment market and will increase consumer choices on the one platform among NASCAR fans. NASCAR and its drivers have a number of programming partnerships with satellite radio. Today, Sirius, the Official Satellite Radio Partner of NASCAR®, broadcasts turn-by-turn coverage of every race, including the NASCAR NEXTEL Cup Series , NASCAR Busch Series , and NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series races. Sirius also offers ten channels of driver-to-crew in-car audio during races, giving race fans the inside details on their favorite drivers. Additionally, Sirius broadcasts NASCAR-related news and information, featuring programming by Tony Stewart, John Andretti, and Buddy Baker. XM features several NASCAR drivers on XM Sports Nation, Channel 144, including Dale Earnhardt, Jr., Jimmie Johnson, and Michael Waltrip. Satellite radio has proven to be a great way for NASCAR fans to get all the important news and updates on race day and beyond. We hope that the proposed merger will lead to more flexible programming options for consumers, which will lead to an increase in the number of people that receive NASCAR-related satellite radio programming. Also, I understand that, post-merger, NASCAR fans that are satellite radio subscribers will be able to enjoy the best of both Sirius and XM without having to purchase two radios or pay for two separate subscriptions. In conclusion, we think that the proposed merger will benefit NASCAR fans and the NASCAR industry by increasing the satellite radio-listening audience of NASCAR-related programming, and we support it. Paul Brooks President NASCAR Digital Entertainment, LLC P.O. Box 2875 Daytona Beach, FL 32120-2875 1801 West International Speedway Boulevard. Daytona Beach, FL 32114 (386) 947-6732 Fax: (386) 947-6712 www.nascar.com

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Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Office of the Secretary Washington, DC 20554 Dear
Chainnan Martin: Weare writing to express our ardent support for the consolidated transfer applications
of XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. (XM) and Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. ("Sirius "). As you know,
consumers have a plethora of choices for their music and audio entertainment needs the Apple I-Pod,
their personal music collections, HD Radio, internet music services like Rhapsody and Yahoo music,
music and audio content through their cable or satellite TV subscriptions, content streaming through
cellular phone technology, and terrestrial and satellite radio. Over the last ten years, we have witnessed an
overwhelming consolidation of the radio industry, which, we believe, has led to decreased diversity in
programming. Satellite radio has already created the model for incorporating new artists, old favorites,
and the current top forty in the same play list. Synergies created by the merger of Sirius and XM will
create new opportunities for this type of diverse programming that has been overlooked by
terrestrial-radio broadcasters. This merger will allow the companies to offer more diverse content by
consolidating programming and better utilizing capacity to offer even more unique and diverse
programming to currently underserved populations. We firmly believe that allowing these satellite-radio
companies to merge in order to be able to better meet the content needs of this market on a national basis,
with exceptional digital sound quality and no commercials, at relatively low costs to the consumer, is in
the public interest. Satellite radio is a relatively new service, the cost of which to provide the service is
expensive, due to satellite launches, maintenance and service. Currently, the satellite-radio service is only
4% of the radio market, with 96% of the market being commanded by terrestrial-radio broadcasters. If
these satellite-radio companies are allowed to merge, it will allow the companies to achieve better
economies of scale and scope, while enabling this new industry alternative to terrestrial-radio
broadcasting, to provide innovative and diverse content, jobs and business partnering opportunities.

The Honorable Kevin Martin October 25, 2007 Page 2 For these reasons, we urge you to support the merger. Member of Congress Member of Congress ~ ..-Member of Congress Member of Congress , r 7 G
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MB Docket No. 07-57 Dear Chainnan Martin: 4 Recently, Sirius and XM announced detailed plans for a
variety of new progrannng packages that the combined company will offer to consumers once its
pendiig merger is approved by the FCC and the Department of Justice. Among these new offerings are
two packages that, for the first time in subscription entertainment, will enable consumers to pick
programming on an a la carte basis. In addition to the two a la carte packages, the new offerings will
include several packages geared toward consumers with specific progrannng interests. For example, a
combined SiriuslXM plans to offer a Mostly Music package, a "News, Sports & Talk package, and two
"Family Friendly packages that exclude adult-themed content. In addition, some of the new offerings will
include best of progrannng from both Sirius and XM, giving consumers the opportunity to receive the
most appealing channels from both providers without having to subscribe to, and pay separately for, two
services. This unprecedented array of offerings greatly will expand consumer choice and will give
satellite radio subscribers the chance to achieve substantial savings. Indeed, one of the new a la carte
packages will be offered at \$6.99 per month-a savings of 46 percent over the existing standard monthly
price of \$12.95. Importantly, these new options also will mean that conswrrs will not have to receive or
pay for content that they do not want. Perhaps most impressively, the new a la carte offerings will pave
the way for a unique form of competition in the entertainment industry one based on the individual
programming preferences of listeners. As the companies have made clear, however, these innovative
offerings will be possible only if the merger is approved. Without the efficiencies and synergies that will
be generated by the merger, these new options simply will not be feasible. ~- 7) . j t ·v :::,,> c> ...:1 .~ :::I
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In order to bring these exciting opportunities to consumers as quickly as possible, I urge the FCC to move forward with its review of this pending merger. (J:z;;z., ~.., Pete Sessions Member of Congress

October 30, 2007
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Demolition Radio: I support the pending merger of SIRI US and XM, My weekly program airs on
Satellite Radio, which was created by Sirius US for satellite sponsors, Satellite Radio
provides a forum to discuss satellite radio and the satellite radio industry. I play music that appeals to
enthusiasts of this lifestyle, and I have conversations with special guests and listeners, Many of Sirius US
listeners biggest fans are young professionals who are drawn to listening edge music and more
progressive content of Sirius US. I understand that the merger will allow the new
company to offer a variety of exciting new programming packages, some of which will enable
subscribers to choose specific channels at lower monthly prices than are available today. While
today, new choices will be available to all subscribers, they may be especially important to young listeners who
are looking for innovative music and talk programming geared toward their interests, but who also are
on limited budgets. With some packages available for as little as \$6.99 a month after the merger, some
young consumers may be able to listen to Sirius US for the first time once this deal is finalized. Those
same independent programming will also allow young listeners to select their specific
channels they want. With the à la carte, I think 50 option, listeners can choose 50 channels to receive on
their radios, without having to shun through - or pay for - all stations they don't like.

For these reasons I believe that this merger is in the public interest and I look forward to the merger of SIRIUS and XM being approved as soon as possible. Sincerely, Tony Hawk

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:enS-525;; Kevin Martin, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554 Re: Application for Authority to Transfer Control of XM Radio Inc. and Sirius
Satellite Radio Inc., MB Docket No. 07-57 Dear Chairman Martin: I am writing to support the pending
merger of Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. and XM Radio Inc. This merger will improve the variety and quality
of audio news and entertainment services available to consumers. Critics of the merger claim that it
would be a seismic change to the competitive balance in the telecommunications, mass media, and
broadband world. The proposed deal would not actually make much more than a ripple. Satellite
companies are not competing against each other as much as they are competing against a panoply of other
ways to get music and other audio entertainment. In addition to terrestrial radio, audio programs are
delivered through podcasts, on-demand services, cable television providers, cellular phones, RSS, and
real time streaming on the internet. The two satellite companies have not been the strongest possible
competitors in this market, as their \$6 billion in accumulated losses to date demonstrate. And while it
seems like satellite radio is growing, it has a long way to go before it puts a scare into the terrestrial radio
industry, which has something on the order of 280 million listeners. Furthermore, terrestrial radio has a
huge price advantage it is free. There is no doubt that the merger would be good for consumers of this
service. A merger will allow the two companies to pool their resources, cut costs through economies of
scale, boost innovation by bringing together their best and brightest talent, and ultimately make more
programming available to subscribers. Customers would no longer need an XM subscription for baseball
games and a Sirius subscription for football games. Car companies wouldn't have to choose between
appealing to Oprah listeners or satisfying Howard Stern fans. And finally, manufacturers could get to
work on perfecting the hardware for an industry that has been split between two different technical
standards. IJolntc:d to the preeedent between DIRECTV and EchoStar. That merger was denied because
regulators assumed a

2 Application for Authority to Transfer Control of XM Radio Inc. and Sirius Satellite Radio Inc., MB Docket No. 07-57 stronger satellite TV presence would harm competition. In fact, since the merger was presented, satellite s entry into the broadband arena a much promised development - has ground to a halt as companies struggle to survive. For these reasons, I urge the FCC to complete its review of this transaction and allow the companies to proceed with their merger plans. Sincerely, ANTHONY WEINER Member of Congress cc: Commissioner Michael J. Copps Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate Commissioner Robert M. McDowell