

I feel that the pending Echostar acquisition of Voom, LLC's satellite, Rainbow-1 should not be allowed. I feel that to keep competition alive and to protect the consumer there needs to be three satellite tv companies. Some would say that the number on customers Voom has is laughable but every company has to start somewhere. I know Directv and Dishnetwork didnt open thier doors to the 10+million customers they have now. They had to work and compete against each other to attain the number of customers they have now. While Directv and Dishnetwork competed for customers, we the consumer benefited from this in the form of free hardware offers and more channels for lower prices. As television technology goes forward, HD is the way all companies will be going. Voom is now at the forefront of this transition. Directv has already stated that they are going to try to catch up with the launch of the Spaceway satellites over the next three years. Dishnetwork has even stated that future satellites would expand their HD lineup. Voom is there now and has the abiltiy to promote competition now and in the future and allow great benefits for the consumer. Please do not allow this acquisition to happen. It would be bad for the consumer, and bad for the transition to HD television.