

Greetings,

I am a satradio subscriber for nearly four years now. My wife for close to three years. I listen to satrad probably 90% of the time and the balance is split between AM and FM. My wife on the other hand listens to free radio 90% of the time and only satrad 10%. We enjoy the additional choice of satradio, and would love more choices.

I have followed some of the press regarding the merger. A few observations.

1-Nobody with any brain activity would believe the NABs claim that satrad doesnt compete with free radio. The last I checked each are played thru the same radio in my truck. Both signals are conveyed thru the same speaker wires and both are played on the same exact speakers.

2-The older I get the more frustrated I am at politics dictating what happens in all walks of life. Several senators, who are supposed to represent the citizens best interest have come out against the merger. Upon very little research, it turns out that many have conflicts of interest. ie partial ownership in radio stations...ad revenue conflicts. Give me a break. If an executive of a business gets caught in the middle of "a conflict of interest", he or she can go to jail. If a US Senator does the same thing, we are just used to it. It truly is very tiring.

3-I dont know anything about antitrust law, but two companies who have been in business for decades and only share a combined market share of 3.4%? Is allowing them to merge really going to make a difference? If indeed antitrust laws are there to ensure competition in the open market, I'm sure that a merged company might be able to pick up one to two percentage points in the next five years. If they are allowed to do so, then perhaps free radio will work a little more diligently to serve their listening audiences needs.

Approve the merger and lets move on to more important things!

Thank you,