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greetings ms. whitney,

i oppose the sale of so vt cable to comcast.

i am a comcast customer.

i can attest, along with all my neighbors, that comcast has a long way to go to providing reliable cable service to southern vermont.

therefore, i can only assume that this sale would simply be a hostile buyout for the benefit not of customers but of shareholders, and so should not be permitted, in order to prevent any further erosion of decent utility services in vermont.

for one thing, i highly doubt that comcast, if the sale goes through, will maintain service to vermont customers at its current level: as they already do not seem to have the wherewithal and/or will to provide reliable service, one can assume that (no matter what they may promise or verbally agree to) they will not allocate any of their profit from the sale to improving service to vermont customers, as comcast seems to have no incentive (or apparent inclination) to do so other than the threat of the law (if that).

therefore, i expect comcast to achieve this acquisition and any work it necessitates at the cost primarily to customers in service and, no doubt, money.

my comcast bill has already increased by an outrageous percentage in the last 5 years without any credible explanation, and i expect such increases to continue.

helping comcast to become the only player in the market would be to accelerate this race to the bottom-- that is, increasingly unaffordable and increasingly shoddy infrastructure and service-- that at a scary pace is impoverishing all but the very wealthy. i do not think that, if we can help it, is how we do things in vermont. i hope we can help it.

thank you for reading this long email and considering my thoughts. and thank you for your service to vermont's utilities customers.

regards,  
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