

# Dish asks FCC to let it build wireless network

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(AP) -- Satellite TV broadcaster Dish Network is asking regulators to let it build a wireless broadband network. Having one would let Dish compete more effectively with cable companies that can bundle broadband and TV signals.

In a filing late Monday, Dish Network Corp. asked the [Federal Communications Commission](#) to let it use the wireless spectrum of satellite company TerreStar Corp., which it bought out of bankruptcy, for ground-based broadband service.

The Englewood, Colo., company didn't say when it would build the network or how many people it would cover. It plans to use a technology for which devices could show up in 2014.

Another company, LightSquared, is also trying to repurpose satellite spectrum for terrestrial broadband.

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