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Subject: Fox takeover of Sky

Karen,

I am writing to voice my objection to the takeover of Sky by Fox media. As you are fully aware both these organisations are owned by Rupert Murdoch who is also the owner of the Times and Sun newspapers. Below is an extract from a government briefing entitled Mergers & takeovers : the public interest test

The 2002 Act allows for the Secretary of State to intervene in mergers where they give rise to certain specified public interest concerns: specifically, issues of national security; media quality, plurality & standards; and, financial stability (under s58 of the Act). In these cases the Secretary of State may make an assessment of a merger purely on the grounds that it runs counter to the public interest, without deferring to the 'substantial lessening of competition' test, or they may give regard to both tests in coming to a final decision.

Rupert Murdoch was the owner of the Sun newspaper at the time of the Hillsborough disaster and he would have been fully aware of the blatant misuse of his newspaper to mislead its readers into believing that the Liverpool supporters attending the semifinal football game had caused the catastrophe that unfolded live on national television. As you are aware this disaster resulted in the loss of life to 96 innocent fans. This alone raises concerns of media

quality and standards and is highlighted in the government briefing report as reason to refer the merger to Ofcom for assessment. As the previous owners of the News of the world both Rupert Murdoch and his son James admitted to knowing about the illegal telephone tapping that was being carried out by unscrupulous reporters within their organisation to uncover media stories and newspaper scoops which evidently resulted in them having to shut the paper down . On top of this one of our ex shadow prime ministers, Ed Milliband, went out of his way to attend a houses of parliament vote during the close season to help prevent, as he put it, the Murdoch's trying to push a takeover of Sky by the Fox organisation through the back door. Is it right that James Murdoch, who is still tied to the organisation has been described in a government report as being unfit to run a company such as Sky, and if I am not mistaken he himself actually stepped down to allay government concerns, and yet as the owners of the Fox organisation both him and his farther are now trying to take full control of that same organisation.

As you yourself have said you are minded to refer this merger to Ofcom, I am hopeful that this email will, in some small way, help to sway your decision to have the merger scrutinised.

Yours in hope

Gary Jennings

Justice for the 96

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