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Staff Reviewing EchoStar/DirectTV Merger
C/O W. Kenneth Feree,
Chief, Cable Service Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth St, SW
Washington, DC 20544

Mr Feree and Members of the Cable Service Bureau Staff:

DirectTV has already announced predatory pricing changes which will result in an increase of over 62% over the past 18 months of the entry level subscription cost beginning in April, 2002 (\$19.99 in Aug 2000, \$31.99 in Apr 2002). You must act to protect the unprotected rural and low economic group subscriber by preventing this merger and requiring DirectTV to cease their anticompetitive predatory pricing policies with a rollback to the 2000 prices. This is a true disclosure of how they will use the merger to foster anti-competitive practices while using the publicly appropriated air waves.



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