

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I vote in every election and I believe that the merger between EchoStar and DirectTV would be great for consumers. Here is why:

Comcast Cable is the only cable provider in my neighborhood. For many years they held the neighborhood captive to high prices, poor value and even worse service.

As soon as I became aware of Echostar satellite service, I signed up. They offered best price, value and service. They offered competition which is the hallmark of democratic capitalism. I paid far less, under fifty dollars, for many years, receiving many more channels, and digital clarity and sound as compared to cable. My neighbors were astounded when they visited my house and saw what I was getting and for less money.

Environmentally and esthetically, I am not contributing to a maze of overhead wires or street repairs to run underground cables. Satellite TV, just makes better sense, plain and simple.

Begrudgingly, Comcast finally started offering digital cable, but, had it not been for competition from Echostar and DirectTV, who knows when and how much digital cable would have cost.

Please understand, Cable TV is not being endangered by Echostar, at least not here. The merger between EchoStar and Direct TV should help satellite TV compete better with these Cable Monopolies. Everyone benefits from competition (please do not confuse real competition with deregulation - we're talking competiton here.)

I believe when you consider the working man's needs in these questionable days of economic turmoil, you will see the EchoStar - DirectTV merger as a valuable action you can approve to help out the little guy.

Please approve the merger!

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Sincerely,

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