

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to you today as a current satellite TV subscriber who would like to add my voice of support to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. Currently, I cannot receive quality reception of my local TV programming and broadband internet access is not available. Local TV programming receptions and the internet have become standards of life just like electricity and telephone service, yet I am being denied this access. WHY???? Because of antiquated rules and regulations. The technology is here. Let private enterprise implement it. Lack of access to local TV and its public service component (e.g severe weather warnings) makes someone liable should me or my family suffer a loss because we cannot receive such information. The combination of these two satellite providers will provide numerous benefits to consumers like me, including more choices in channels, programming, broadband and new television technologies.

By merging, the combined company will be a much stronger competitor to cable television and can offer more programming choices and, most importantly, all local TV channels in every market in the U.S. Throughout the country, people will now be able to turn to satellite TV to access their local news, weather and community information, in addition to a comprehensive package of national video programming. But just as exciting, the merger will bring us the availability of affordable high-speed Internet service by satellite. These tremendous benefits won't happen without the merger. Satellite-delivered Internet service will bring an affordable and competitive alternative to cable modems and DSL to consumers in big cities, small towns and rural areas alike. This will give me a competitive choice for Internet access and will be especially advantageous to my rural community where cable modems and DSL are not likely to be available anytime in the near future.

In the interest of improving our access to competitive television and Internet service, I urge you to lend your support to this merger.

Sincerely,

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