

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 non-support to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. The combination of these two satellite providers will provide numerous obstacles to consumers like me, including higher prices, less competition, and possible monopolistic practices.

Dish Network is already trying to dictate how they will receive payment by making their services more expensive if the customer does not choose the automatic deduction option. What is the next step ... Dish telling the customer which bank they can do business with? This 'take it or leave it attitude' is the direct result of lack of competition in the cable market! Now Dish wants it even less competitive.

I can remember how it was when there was only cable. The company would dictate if and when you had the right to have cable and then would determine what you would pay for it.

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In the interest of improving our access to competitive television and Internet service, I urge you to not lend your support to this merger.

Sincerely,

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