

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

Dear Legislator,

I feel that this merger is a violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. It is a merger of the 'only' 2 viable nationwide carriers and will amount to no competition.

It is precisely the situation that the Anti-Trust Act was supposed to protect the consumer from.

I ask that you consider the implications of your decision in light of the effect of the over 1 million people in rural areas throughout the country who will now be faced with paying whatever EchoStar/Hughes chooses to charge.

This merger is not in the consumer's best interests.

Sincerely,

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