

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 urge you to support the pending merger of EchoStar and Hughes. I am a current Dish Network subscriber and believe the merger will increase choices for consumers like me because the combined company will provide increased competition to cable companies.

Another key factor that will emerge from the combined resources of Echostar and Hughes, is the further advancement of HDTV programming, an area in which the satellite industry is already a leading provider.

An extremely important feature of a combined company will be the ability to compete in a stronger manner with cable operators by being able to offer me local TV channels via satellite in my market area, which I currently do not receive. I am currently within a Grade 'A' reception area for my local channels and therefore must receive them either OTA or through my local cable provider. Unfortunately, neither source can compare to the video and audio quality provided through satellite.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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