

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a customer of DIRECTV, I am writing to urge you to support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I would like to see that local channels are offered to me by more than one provider in my local area of Hilton Head Island.

I currently receive fairly poor service from my cable company with high monthly charges and do not have any other options available to me. The local channels cannot be picked up from my geographical location yet the local station does not want to grant a waiver. I have already spent over \$300 attempting to have a clear reception to these stations. Beside Fox which is fairly easy to pickup, the other networks are pretty much unviewable in my opinion.

Since I live in an apartment, the options for outdoor reception equipment is limited.

I currently have broadband access to the Internet, but the combination of EchoStar and HUGHES will result in increased competition in the broadband market by providing an affordable high-speed Internet service nationwide via satellite.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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