

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 oppose the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. Although I am not a DIRECTV customer, I believe the merger will decrease video and broadband choices for consumers like me because the combined company will provide less overall competition.

The combined company will be a lone operator resulting in poorer service and higher overall rates.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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