

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 NOT support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will very much decrease video and broadband choices for consumers like me. This merger should be disapproved, for the sake of competition, this is like Coke buying out Pepsi.

The combined company will be a much stronger competitor to cable operators reducing competition and creating a new monopoly in the delivery of an alternate to cable television via satellite. This merger will result in higher prices to consumers as competition between the two competitor companies disappears and choices are limited. This merger is bad for consumers, please oppose it.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Do not approve this merger please!

Sincerely,

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