

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I want to encourage you to pass legislation to allow the merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV as a means of providing stronger competition with cable services. I live in a rural area and if it were not for satellite service, I would be extremely limited in my choice of television provider. The merger of the two satellite services would make the one (combined) company stronger, and better able to compete with cable. I am very thankful that you have allowed my satellite service to include my 'local' channels, and urge you to allow satellite service to become stronger.

Sincerely,

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