

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 not to support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will increase costs for consumers like me. When cable tv first came to our area it cost only \$16 for the full package and only \$1 extra for each premium channel, now the same package is over \$60 with a \$12 extra fee for the premium networks due to mergers like this one. I feel that the satellite and cable providers should provide local channels to all subscribers at no extra charge as they are already paid for by commercial advertising. Also I feel that you as a customer should be able to have up to 4 tv sets hooked up to your service at no additional fee. It doesn't cost the cable or satellite provider any more to have extra sets hooked up, so the customer should not have to pay additional charges. In my opinion it is ridiculous to have to pay up to \$5 extra for each tv hooked up to service as you can only watch one set at a time.

Thank you for your consideration in reading my letter.

Bob White

Sincerely,

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