

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 believe the merger will increase video and broadband choices for consumers like me.

I believe the merger will create a satellite standard that will benefit consumers who currently have to choose between different satellite packages that are not interchangeable or compatible.

The combined company will also be a much stronger competitor to cable operators by being able to offer me a substantial number of local TV channels via satellite in my market area.

Finally, 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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