

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 NOT TO SUPPORT the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. As a customer of DIRECTV, I believe the merger will be a monopoly, and would not be a benefit for consumers like me.

One of the points that is used in favor the merger is that, 'Broadband access to the Internet is not available to many people at this time'. Directv now has a two-way satellite connection to the Internet that is available to ANYONE at any place, so that statement is not true.

If the merger is approved, the new company will be able to charge higher prices with no competition.

Dish Network is against Christian programming, and we stand to lose the Christian channels that we now have through Directv.

Please do not let this merger take place.
I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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