

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

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I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS MERGER. PLEASE READ BELOW FOR MY INPUT. THIS IS NOT THE STANDARD FORM LETTER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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I am writing to urge you to NOT support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV.

Although I am not currently a DIRECTV customer, I feel that this merger would lower the quality of Satellite services currently and future while increasing costs.

Without competition, there is nothing pushing the satellite provider from improving services, lowering costs or new technology.

The key point made by Echostar is that they need this merger to offer more local programming due to satellite capacities. The real truth is that with the new satellites that are being launched, they will have much greater expanded capacity and will be able to offer the larger local services anyway (as 2 individual companies).

The main ones that will suffer are those that do not have another choice.

DON'T TRUST EMPTY PROMISES FROM ECHOSTAR!!!!

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

I truly hope you make the right decision to NOT CREATE A MONOPOLY.

Sincerely,

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