

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 to NOT support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. Although I am not a DIRECTV customer, I believe the merger will decrease user choices and remove any competition that may be present. I am a current subscriber of Dish Network and I am NOT completely satisfied with my service. In lieu of this, I am glad that I have a choice to switch broadband providers. I believe this option is important. While I realize that neither service is perfect, I prefer not to be monopolized. I am not sure if the merger would be in the best interest of the American public. What would stop the 'new' company from drastically increasing prices or dropping services. For those of us who enjoy having a choice.....we would have none.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Thank You

Sincerely,

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