

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 deny the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will decrease video and broadband choices, value, and competition for consumers like me.

The current arrangement with DirectTV I have as a subscriber and the fact that I can choose to use another provider if I wish is what democracy and capitalism stand for!

I currently have broadband access to the Internet, but the combination of EchoStar and HUGHES will result in a monopoly in the broadband market by providing an expensive, lesser high-speed Internet service nationwide via satellite - which would undermine the local telco's ability to bridge the digital divide to schools and poor families.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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