

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

Here is what Hughes wants me to say and I happen to agree with them on most counts:

'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.

The combined company will be a much stronger competitor to cable operators by being able to offer me local TV channels via satellite in my market area, which I currently do not receive.

Broadband access to the Internet is not available to me at this time. If the merger is approved, the new company will be able to provide me with affordable high-speed Internet access via satellite along with the other 40 million American households who do not have affordable high-speed Internet access now.'

I would jump at the chance to get my locals with DirectTV from Tulsa. Currently, only Dish Network receives this and it would take a considerable amount of money and time to convert to their system (not to mention scrapping my old system which took me a lot of time and money to set up). We in my household enjoy the better quality reception and lower prices that satellite offers. Plus, we have a digital video recorder (DVR...aka Tivo) which I can not record local channels on until access is granted me. This access would be made possible by the merger to me and many people I know (DirectTV is by far the most popular around here).

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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