

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 DECLINE the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will DECREASE video and broadband choices for consumers like me as well as increase prices for everyone.

The combined company will monopoly in the satellite TV segment leaving fewer choices compared to cable operators.

I currently have broadband access to the Internet, but the combination of EchoStar and HUGHES will result in DECREASED competition in the broadband market by creating a monopoly and leaving consumers with FEWER choices.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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