

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I think the merger of DirectTV and Echostar is a mistake. It will create a monopoly that will inevitably raise costs. The only way Hughes can afford this merger is to cut costs (i.e., employees) and raise rates. Just look at how having DirectTV and Echostar compete so far has made DBS exciting and affordable. Consumers can only benefit from choosing between two rivals.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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