

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 not support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will not increase video and broadband choices for consumers like me. Due to satellite line of site issues, I doubt any new customers will be able to subscribe to satellite service that have not already.

The combined company will not improve the customer support and billing issues that I have experienced in the past with DirectTV. Although local channels would be nice, I doubt DirectTV or Echostar could pull these technical requirements off.

I currently have broadband access to the Internet, but the combination of EchoStar and HUGHES will not result in increased competition in the broadband market. I currently use the Directv DSL service and the customer support is worse than my previous ISP. It took three months to combine my DirectTV satellite bill and my Broadband bill into one. If they can't get billing right now, they never will be able to.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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