

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 increase pricing and reduce technology in areas where cable TV is not accessible. There are many things that Echostar and Hughes can do to increase their competitiveness in the satellite industry.

The combined company will not need to compete in digital cable markets. They will gauge where cable companies are not. They have done nothing as of yet to effect the broadband market and I have read of no promises in the merger literature. I have only read that they have the potential to create broadband.

Millions will still not have high speed access unless someone steps up to the plate and sees the value and business reasons to install high speed internet in everyone's home.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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