

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 NOT to support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will produce a monopoly in satellite television, which is not good for the consumer.

The combined company will be the only provider of satellite television, competing only with the local cable monopoly granted for obvious access reasons. In some areas, this combined company would have absolutely no competition.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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