

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to urge you to oppose the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. Nothing could possibly be worse for the consumer than a merger of these two companies. A monopoly in the satellite TV business will remove our choice, and will remove any motivation for these companies to continue to improve their products.

As a current Dish Network customer, the merger would force me to seriously consider dropping my service entirely. I implore the FCC and Congress to consider the interest of the consumers in this matter, and support our freedom of choice.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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