

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 not support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I am not a DIRECTV customer. I am a Dish Network Customer and I believe the merger will create a monopoly as there will be no competition in rural america where cable is not offered. Cable is not offered in my area. The cable company nearby has no plans of offering it to my area. If the merger goes through the new company will be able to skyrocket their prices and the end user in rural areas like me will just have to grin and bear it.

It will compare to the Microsoft monopoly.
I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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