

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.

The combined company will take satellite competition out of the picture, therefore raising costs. It will be another 'Microsoft'. It will make sure that people have NO CHOICE in satellite companies. It will be 'your way or the highway'.

People in the cable areas won't think anything about the loss of competition, but the people in the rural areas, that want cable tv, won't have a choice.

Broadband access to the Internet is not available to me at this time. Even if it were, it's too expensive. As for speed, your computer is only going to go as fast as it's designed to go.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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