

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 DECREASE video and broadband choices for consumers like me and effectively grant an anti-competitive monopoly to one company.

The combined company will be able to set and dictate pricing and terms to the subscribers.

I currently have broadband access to the Internet, and the combination of EchoStar and HUGHES will result in decreased competition in the broadband market by granting a monopoly to a single high-speed Internet service nationwide via satellite.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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