

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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Dear Chairman Powell:

Dear Members of Congress, It is important to me and all of us that live out in the middle of nowhere that you pass the ok on this merger of ecostar and direct tv. We need to be able to get our local tv programing for our weather, and fire conditions. There are a lot of people that the only contact to what is going on in the world is through satellite tv and the news paper. and the paper only gives there slant on the news, and with this merger we would have the ability to get all the information and make a better choice of what we feel is best for us and our grate Nation. The people that live in rural parts of this country have lived out of the main stream of this country for years so the rest could have food on there tables, we love our way of life but it would be a grate blessing if we could keep up with the rest of the country on what is happening, and the extra medical help that would be possible with this merger. once again the weather for our local area is so important for our way of life, as it is now the closest network we can get is 3 states away from us, and we can get no local weather for our area except in the paper and we get it a day late in the mail, and it is a 80 mile trip to town to get the paper on the day it comes out, I know there are a lot of us that live way out like this in this country. Giving the ok for this merger would not only be good for us but the rest of the country as well. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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