

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I've been a customer of Echostar's DISH NETWORK for almost 2 years now and I am VERY MUCH looking forward to the approval of its merger with DirectTV!

As a long time (and current!) cable TV subscriber, I can attest to the fact that the only REAL competition to the big cable monopolies are these two excellent satellite providers.

WITHOUT the merger, both satellite companies will continue to be at a significant disadvantage to the cable providers; and the average customer, like myself, will be forced to continue to rely on poor service, fewer choices, and higher and higher prices.

WITH the merger, Echostar-DirectTV will FINALLY be able to compete on a fair and level playing field with the dominate cable players!

In addition, this merger will allow the new Echostar to continue to innovate in the areas of broadband service, HDTV and interactive programming and entertainment.

So PLEASE do NOT allow the cable and broadcast lobbyists to hijack and DICTATE my choices! I am a regular voter who votes not only with a ballot, but also with my pocketbook!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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