

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 don't believe the merger will increase video and broadband choices for consumers like me.

What about competition in the satellite market? I want to have a choice for my satellite provider. The companies Echo Star and Hughes should compete for my business.

I understand that they are competeing against cable companies. That's the way it is supposed to work.

Please don't take away my ability to choose.

--Paul Holzer

Sincerely,

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