

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 INCREASE the COST of video and broadband choices for consumers like me.

IN THIS WORLD OF DEREGULATION .... WHY WOULD WE WANT TO HELP CREATE ANOTHER MONOPLY LIKE THE 'AT&T' PHONE COMPANY. I THINK THAT THE TWO SAT PROVIDERS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO MERGE.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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