

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

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Dear Senator McCain & Rep. Kyl:

Please support the merger between Direct TV & Echostar. We have moved to rural Buckeye, Az in retirement and need decent web connections to direct our retirement investments.

So far with Qwest and ATT World Net, we have: 1) had to have Qwest repair service on their lines 10 times in the approximately 6 months we've been in the new house and 2) have had ATT dial-up connection speeds as low as 12.6 KBPS and never over 21.6. Rewiring the existing grid which was installed about 50 years ago isn't economically prudent for either provider, and certainly the cable providers who mhave NOT reached us have no incentive to do so with our rural population. The answer is web access via satellite. Impose what fee-regulations you deem prudent, but PLEASE support the proposed merger of Direct TV & Echostar.

Very truly yours,
James & Alice DeVaul

Sincerely,

James & Alice DeVaul
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