

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

Please approve the merger of DirectTV and EchoStar/Dish Network. The monopoly only exists for the cable industry. Cable has no competition without this merger. Cable is the industry that has no clear, strong competition. Cable companies are the ones that raise prices with no increase in service or customer support. The merger will provide much better entertainment options and break the cable monopoly.

Broadband is now only available through cable and satellite in my area. The phone company is happy with the status quo. Meanwhile there are no plans for DSL in my area. And cable requires that I exorbitant prices their 'digital' cable services for broadband. Satellite doesn't have any strings attached. But satellite cannot compete with cable without this merger.

Sincerely,

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