

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

If the FTC prefers that market forces determine price, as stated here in a USA Today article, 'EchoStar also has proposed offering a nationwide price, so rural customers could benefit from the low pricing cable competition brings to urban areas. But former Federal Trade Commission official Marc Schildkraut says regulators prefer that market forces dictate prices.', then why are they considering blocking a completely legal and uncontested merger between two companies?

I have been a Dishnetwork customer for over 5 years and they have continually provided better service, programming, and pricing than any other outlet. They are in business to make a buck, but an honest buck, without gouging their customers. DishNetwork/Echostar is very possibly the best company in the world when it comes to assisting their customers in all areas.

Don't block the merger!!!!

Sincerely,

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