

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I look forward to the proposed merger of Dish and DirectTV as it would proportedly free up duplicate channels and thus allow for wider bandwidth DTV channels. At present, with most HOA restrictions and even with the smaller UHF antenna needed, access to DTV is not realisticaly possible. In my San Jose community, 3 reception angles are necessary and, we live behind a significant hill in the middle of the city thus precluding us of receiving (line of site) any of the San Francisco major market signals.

I do, however, not like 'monopoly' providers as it eliminates competitive prices (only competition is cable - with no HDTV).

Sincerely,

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