

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 not to support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will do nothing to increase choice and can only result in higher fees for service, since there will be no satellite competition.

DIRECTV already offers broadband service but does not support the Macintosh platform and therefore, one must use cable service for broadband internet access. Quest currently does not offer broadband in my area either for the Macintosh or Windows machines. We currently have local TV channels available via DIRECTV.

The merger would result in no benefits for me and may result in higher fees.

Sincerely,

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