

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to urge you to not support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will eliminate competitive companies from getting in the broadband business.

The combined company will only be designed to compete against cable operators. In addition, the merger will ensure that the availability of high-speed Internet access service via satellite will be priced out of range for a majority of people to take advantage of.

Additionally, Direct TV has one of the most unfriendly and absolutely the worst customer service i have ever encountered. This merger will subject their customers to this kind of abuse.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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