

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

My Opinion

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 decrease video and broadband choices for consumers like me.

The combined company will be a much stronger competitor to cable operators by being able to offer me local TV channels via satellite in my market area, which I currently do not receive.

However since I'm in an area not served by cable I will only have one choice and probably have to pay through the nose for it.

Broadband access to the Internet is not available to me at this time. If the merger is approved, the new company will be able to provide me with high-speed Internet access via satellite along with the other 40 million American households who do not have high-speed Internet access now. Too bad their will be only one provider able to charge high rates for such service.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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