

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 to deny 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 monopoly and be even more able to charge escalating prices in my market area.

Broadband access to the Internet is not available to me at this time nor do I want it.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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