

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 FIGHT the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. Although I am not a DIRECTV customer at the present time, I was a Directv customer and believe the merger will decrease video and broadband choices for consumers like me because the combined company will eliminate any competition to all of us that do not have access to cable.

The combined company would be a monopoly for most rural Americans.

If the merger is approved, the new company will be able to provide the same crappy service that Directv provides now without any alternative for me or others.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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