

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 express my opposition to the proposed Echostar/DirectTV merger. In any given community, there is generally only one alternative to satellite, and that is cable. It is important to preserve the choice available by having two satellite providers.

I have dealt with both firms, and find that the service and policies are distinctive. I also believe that to combine both satellite operations under one umbrella will be a serious reduction in competition, as I feel that Echostar currently engages in anti-competitive and distinctly consumer-unfriendly behavior.

Sincerely,

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