

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 NOT support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will ruin video and broadband choices for consumers like me.

The combined company will be a much stronger monopoly that does not compete with cable operators in my market area.

I currently have broadband access to the Internet and think that the merger will do nothing to help in this regards.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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