

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 choices and INCREASE prices for those choices (though it may increase broadband choices) for consumers like me.

I currently have broadband access to the Internet, but see very little reason why the combination of EchoStar and HUGHES will result in increased competition in the broadband market by providing an affordable high-speed Internet service nationwide via satellite.

I appreciate your consideration of my views and urge you to DENY the merger. I also urge you to do more to create competition over cable--the cable providers are the last true regulated monopolists.

Sincerely,

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