

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 strongly urge you to not support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will destroy any video and broadband choices for consumers like me. Directv has no regard for its long time customers and the merger would destroy any possible competition. Directv has stooped to trying to force everybody into a year long contract with no justifiable reason or using such small print you could not read it. I would appreciate a investigation into this matter because it is i do not believe it is legal or fair. I have contacted the attorney general of florida and am going to contact our state senators. The combined company may be a much stronger competitor to cable operators by being able to offer me local TV channels via satellite in my market area, which I am currently not interested in.

Broadband access to the Internet is available to me at this time. If the merger is approved, the new company will not be able to provide me with affordable high-speed Internet access via satellite along with the other 40 million American households who do not have affordable high-speed Internet access now.

I appreciate your consideration of my views and again urge not to vote for this merger which be detrimental to the consumers which you have to protect. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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