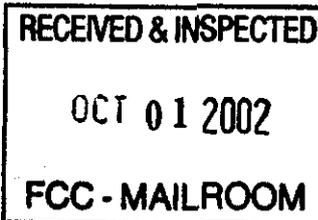


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Secretary of FCC
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RE: Doc CS docket # 01-348
Pending Merger EchoStar/ DirectTV

Dear Honorable Secretary:

I have the following reasons in supporting the pending merger of Echostar/ DirectTV.

I am a Bangladeshi- American and I can inform you that EchoStar has launched Direct To Home (DTH) services of many international channels, which enrich the millions of people across the USA by informing, connecting and entertaining them.

I strongly believe that merging EchoStar and DirectTV would give more capacity for EchoStar in launching more channels which are currently waiting for broadcasting.

Besides that there are many other potential benefits of merger. We have serious concerns for minorities in broadcasting. EchoStar helps launching channels for minorities in the USA.

I hope and believe that the Secretary of FCC would be kind enough to approve the pending merger of EchoStar/DirectTV.

Thank you very much.

Kind regards,


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