

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 compliment the FCC on its decision to effectively block the DirecTv-EchoStar merger.

The more competition, the better... Currently, DirecTv's customer service is as bad as my previous cable company... Adelphia. Los Angeles Department of Telecommunications rates Adelphia as the worst of the dozen cable outfits it regulates.

EchoStar, and its authorized dealers, have, during the proposed merger, have tried every dirty telemarketing trick to try to get DirecTv customers to voluntarily switch to DISH.

I currently have broadband access to the Internet, and I cannot see how 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.

Sincerely,

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