

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

PLEASE DON'T ALLOW THIS MERGER!!

Regardless of the benefits that Dishtv is espousing, the merger of Dishtv and Directv WILL represents a non competitive monolithic service, especially to customers such as myself where cable is not an option.

I talked with Dishtv today inquiring about new equipment that they are essentially giving away to new customers, but are charging many hundreds of dollars to old loyal customers. They have no program for the old customers it is insulting and infuriating to say the least. When I indicated that I might go to Directv, and perhaps come back at a later time, they arrogantly informed me that they never dispose of customer records and would not allow me to become a 'new' customer and participate in those benefits When checking the Directv site for similar deals, nothing is there. It seems fairly reasonable to assume there is collusion between the satellite services in anticipation of FCC approval is this what we call free enterprise??????? I call it subtle blackmail. Once the merger takes place what will it be like???

I would also like you to know that Dishtv forces you to acknowledge reading their disclaimer, which is in such small type, it is virtually impossible to read.

Allowing this merger will be creating the Ma Bell of satellite services.

PLEASE DON'T ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN. MAKE THEM COMPETE!!!

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Sincerely,

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