

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I would hope that the merger of Echostar and Hughes will go through. I cannot stand having to pay separately for local channels from one cable provider and then pay for the rest of my satellite service too. I will also not have to keep several remote controls around, navigating one way for local channels and another for satellite channels. In addition, with the merger, I will have more choices for broadband Internet than I have now. Please quickly allow this merger to give me more choice - I wouldn't even mind if prices went UP, I just don't want all the hassle that using two cable providers has brought.

Sincerely,

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