

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

Please allow the merger of Hughes & EchoStar to complete. Monopolies are not always a bad thing, they sometimes are the only avenue to provide the desired service. Neither railroads nor telephone service would be the same if the government had blocked some of the early mergers in our business past.

This merger will provide all of us with true internet and local media coverage. Please do not be dissuaded by paranoid religious fanatics or greedy local businessmen that are only trying to protect a local interest or viewpoint. Remember, the viewer can always turn their television or computer OFF.

thank you,

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Sincerely,

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