

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I would like to voice my support for the Directv/Echostar merger. I feel that the argument that this would create a monopoly is not a valid point. Cable has not competition in the areas it serves. How often do you see two cable companies competing in the same area? You don't. A merger by the two satellite companies would allow them to compete with cable companies because they would be able to offer local channels in more areas. Also, cable is now unregulated and more the most part is a monopoly. I really don't feel like the consumers are the first priority here. I think that the cable lobbyist are hard at work and doing very well at getting their way.

Sincerely,

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