

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

The recent decision to deny the merger of EchoStar and Hughes is a big mistake. As I understood it, 'Commissioners said it would create a virtual monopoly for the millions of Americans without access to cable television.' If you are concerned about monopoly, you need look only at the cable television providers. CableVision, my former provider, was the only game in town, had the highest rates for their TV services, and their customer service was non-existent, at best! And I believe that the only thing keeping them from getting worse and more expensive is the competition from satellite TV providers. If you really want to prevent monopolistic practices, you will fight for approval of the merger between EchoStar and Hughes.

Sincerely,

Carey Turoff  
73 Trout Brook Road  
Monroe, NY 10950