

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing regarding the appalling decision by the Bush FCC yesterday regarding the Dish/DirectTV merger. Two points:

1. Is a union of these two satellite providers more of a monopoly than the global megalopoly of News Corp. owned by the voice of worldwide Toryism, Rupert Murdoch? Don't think anyone is fooled that this isn't the real purpose of this denial. (Murdoch buys DirectTV, then runs Dish out of business.)
2. So, Comsat's purchase of ATT Cable is 'a different situation?' In what way? They now have approximately 32 million subscribers and control sports and other local outlets which they can refuse to let satellite providers have access to.

I call on you to demand a public hearing into the decision making process which now allows for less competition with Rupert Murdoch given unfettered access to the North American satellite market (along with Fox, Fox Sports Net, Fox Sports World, BskyB in Europe and Sky Asia. This is anti-competitive and clearly a payoff to one of the Administration's strongest allies

Sincerely,

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