

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am a current EchoStar customer and I am extremely disappointed to hear that the FCC has voted against the proposed merger of EchoStar and DirectTV. How can two independent satellite companies even begin to compete with cable/fiber land based networks? This action on the part of the FCC is irresponsible and foolish. I live in an area where the best hope I have of fast data connectivity is via the air-waves (satellite). Unfortunately for me, neither land based cable nor the telephone company are willing to provide service in my remote area (I'm within 30 miles of Toledo, Ohio • that's right only 30 miles and I can't get anything).

To recap:

I can not choose my Cable provider.

I can not choose my Telephone provider.

But I can choose my Satellite provider (choice of two).

Be fair and allow the merger and let the entity compete against the Cable and Telephone providers.

Sincerely,

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