

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a customer of DIRECTV, I am writing to urge you to support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will increase video and broadband choices for consumers like me.

The combined company will be a much stronger competitor to cable operators by being able to offer me a substantial number of local TV channels via satellite in my market area. I have had Charter Communications Cable service in the past, this is the only Cable access for most of West Virginia, their rates are outrageous and are going up all of the time. There is no competition for them but the satellites services of Dish and Direct Tv. As a past employee of this Cable Company I also know what the costs of bringing Digital Cable to users costs them and how much money they are making off of the customers, including no special rates for seniors in a state that does not have the income levels of some of the neighboring ones. They are the ones you should be worried about as a monopoly instead of the satellite companies.

Broadband access to the Internet is not available to me at this time. If the merger is approved, the new company will be able to provide me with affordable high-speed Internet access via satellite along with the other 40 million American households who do not have affordable high-speed Internet access now.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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