

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to urge you to OPPOSE the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES. I am former DIRECTV customer and believe that competition between Hughes and Echostar would be enhanced if the merger were not allowed to happen. Presently, they compete for my business and if that choice were taken away, rates would increase.

As an example, prior to the merger several years ago that allowed DIRECTV to acquire premium programming services such as HBO, Cinemax I was able to buy these services at a discount. After the merger, I no longer had a choice and the rate went up.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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