

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 reject the merger between DirectTV and EchoStar. I firmly believe that competition must be retained. Furthermore, I believe that the satellite companies, with very little infrastructure to maintain, should be charging significantly less than cable providers for equivalent service. Yet the satellite companies charge almost as much as cable companies. They therefore do not deserve the opportunity to create a mega-monopoly in the satellite broadcasting market. Furthermore, I believe that Pegasus should be denied their exclusive 'right' to market DirectTV to rural DirectTV subscribers, due to Pegasus' price gouging. All Pegasus does is send out the bill, yet Pegasus charges \$4.50 more per month than DirectTV does for the exact same DirectTV package. That adds up to \$54.00 (plus sales tax) per year for.... NOTHING! The proposed merger would be bad for the consumer- don't allow it.

Sincerely,

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