

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 not support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I do believe the merger will increase video and broadband choices for consumers like me. But i must say that echostar is a greedy, money hungry group, i urge you, i implore you to vote against the merger, my tv bills will skyrocket within a year, you can look through the years at the price increases with deish network. it is obvious that this merger is a farce and it will create a total monopoly for echostar.

The combined company will be a much stronger monopoly and prices will skyrocket.

I currently have broadband access to the Internet, but the combination of EchoStar and HUGHES will result in increased competition in the broadband market by providing an affordable high-speed Internet service nationwide via satellite. This is the only benefit, but we already have dsl as a viable competitor in each and every market in the country. Plus the system used by echostar is highly unreliable in markets with any type of sever weather.

I appreciate your consideration of my views. And please vote against any type of merger between these two companies.

Sincerely,

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