

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 NOT to support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will increase Costs and Fee's for consumers like me.

The combined company will be a much Like the cable operators by being able to control the market and raise rates higher and higher for less and less service. I belive the EchoStar Hughes deal will create a monopoly on satalite television

I don't belive the merger will help in any ways to my internet service or my television service. When Comcast raised rates to over 75.00 dollars a month I switched to DirectTV where I pay 35.99 a month for the same service I had with the exception of my local channels. I can push the button turn the satalite off and view my local stations.Lets hope you don't screw this up like you did the cable phone and energy companies
I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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