

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 deny 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, but will raise prices with no competition. Nor will there likely be any competition in the near future.

The combined company will be a giant monopoly, who answers to no one. In addition, the merger will ensure that affordable high-speed Internet access service via satellite becomes a thing of the past. Direct Tv's prices are already too high. Turn this thing down!!!!

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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