

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 not to support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. Although I am not a DIRECTV customer, I believe the merger will adversely affect competition in the satellite television market by expediting the monopoly of Echostar(Dish Network).

Although the combined company will be a much stronger competitor to cable operators, the satellite TV market would become narrow.

I currently have broadband access to the Internet and do not believe that satellite broadband is a viable alternative to land line or fiber optics, which should be the industry to focus on when it comes to regulation.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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