

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to urge you, please do not support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will affect consumers like me who can have a choice of company and prices.

The combined company will be a much stronger competitor to cable operators but also will stop competition and fare pricing. Consumer will be force to contract a company(Dish network) that in a past has mislead consumer, overcharge and abuse consumers by making it impossible to have their service terminated; or forcing consumers(specially older people) to purchase new equipment or rent new equipment in order to get Dishnetwork, in plain language they are ripping people -off and not body is doing anything to correct this problem. In addition, the merger will ensure that consumer will have not options or choice of service provider, Consumers will be force to obtain programing and pay high prices from one company and there will be not choice to leave and find someone else to provide services, since the market will be rule by one company.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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