

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

DO NOT CREAT ANOTHER MONOPOLY.

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 believe the merger will ELIMINATE ALL COMPETITION and increase ALREADY HIGH rates for consumers like me.

The combined company will be a much stronger competitor to cable operators BUT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO RAISE ALREADY HIGH RATES. I believe that this country was founded and built by the small businessman and many operators and suppliers need to be left to the small businessman. The proposed merger would 100% eliminate ANY satellite based TV competition. This would create a MONOPLOY that would consume any extra money that the AVERAGE working class person has left. Remember, the AVERAGE working class person is what supports this country.

I currently have broadband access to the Internet, and I believe that there are many other SMALL BUSINESSES that can supply a very AFFORDABLE broadband internet access without getting BIG BUSINESS involved to scalp the very last cent that the average working man has left.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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