

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 STRONGLY OPPOSE the merger. This will remove all competition in the home satellite TV market. My rates have already soared far above cable rates since I switched to satellite access

Broadband access to the Internet is not available to me at this time. The proposed merger will not make it available to me at an affordable rate. Satellite-based broadband costs on average 40% more than landline access such as DSL or cable.

The broadband Internet access is held out as a 'false hope' to subscribers who do not have the technical savvy to realize what they're being told, and representing it this way by EchoStar and Hughes is a major misrepresentation of the facts.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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