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From: Steele, Joseph (GEAE)
To: Michael Copps
Date: 12/3/02 3:21PM
Subject: Echostar/Hughes merger

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I live in Arkansas City, KS. not exactly a major market, although it happens to be the only one I am concerned with. As I understand it, the FCC's opposition to the merger is based on unfair competition, and consumers getting fewer choices. This may well be true of larger markets, but I think you are forgetting rural America. I would welcome any choice, as I have no options. I can get along with Cablevision. or do without. There is no competition right now, **so**, any alternate provider would be welcomed.

Millions of rural Americans are in the same situation as I, living in an underserved market. We see the proposed merger as a chance to fight back against a virtual monopoly. I hope you will keep our situation in mind when you make your decision.

Thank you

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From: Maureen Marshott
To: Mike Powell, KM KJMWEB
Date: 11/27/02 7:31PM
Subject: Comcast/AT&T, DirecTV/ Echostar

Shame, shame, shame on you for approving the Comcast/AT&T Broadband deal and creating an even bigger cable monopoly to shaft the consumer, and not the DirecTV and Echostar deal. The DirecTV/Echostar deal would be good for the nation as a whole, good for the stockholders, provide stiff competition for the cable industry that is pricing cable services out of this world, and keep the largest satellite TV provider owned by an AMERICAN COMPANY and not Rupert Murdoch. Thank you. Maureen Marshott (stockholder and former Hughes Electronics Corporation employee)

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