

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing because I support the proposed merger between Echostar and DirectTV and I want you to as well. Direct Broadcast Satellite service offers competition to the cable companies (companies that are frequently protected from real competition by local franchises). One of the principal discriminants between cable and satellite service has been the availability of local channels. With the merger of these companies and the combination of their satellite fleets, it will be economical to compete at all levels of service. Also, where cable prices and escalated steadily over the years, DBS prices have been decidedly stable.

I believe it's wrong to view the proposed merger as eliminating competition in the DBS marketplace. Rather the marketplace should be viewed as the delivery of television signals to homes. Thus it is clearly more appropriate to ask whether this merger will result in a more competitive market for the delivery of television to the home -- and I believe the answer to that is unequivocally, 'Yes.'

Please represent me and my interests by assuring that this merger is completed without government interference and without catering to the parochial interests of the cable industry. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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