

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

Regarding the merger of Echostar and Direct TV. I am currently a Dish network subscriber, without which I would have no access to television broadcasts. I live in the western part of Kentucky, far removed from any major US cities. Consequently, not only is it impossible to obtain local programming via antenna, I don't even have access to cable! Also, my telephone quality is so low that I barely get a 24000 bps internet connection. The merger of Echostar and Direct TV would benefit myself and others on several fronts. First, it would give us all access to local programming. Second, and perhaps of most importance, it would give rural residents unprecedented high speed access to the Web.

I appreciate your time in reading this letter and I urge you to help approve this merger.

Regards,

Trooper Chris Anderson
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Sincerely,

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