

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I fully support the merger of Echostar and Hughs. I'm also a Echostar shareholder and customer. While there have been programing increases since I've been a Dish customer, this has been because Viacom, AOL & Disney have increased their rates. I think this merger will give Echostar more leverage when they are negotiating with the program providers. I also live in an area where I can get cable(AT&T) and I choose Dish because the rates and quality are superior.

Sincerely,

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