

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am in support of the merger of Dish Network and DirectTV.

It is a fact that the larger a company is, the more services they can offer and at a lower price.

I think that it is a shame that the cable companies can dictate whether or not we receive our local channels through satellite. I believe that this has gone on long enough.

No matter what, I would never go back to subscribing to cable television. When we had cable, everytime the wind blew hard or the squirrels ran across the wires we lost service. We might be without television for a couple of hours to several days. Since we changed to satellite, the only time we do not have service is when the weather is extremely bad, and that might be for 10-20 minutes at the longest.

By not allowing this merger to go through, you are infringing on my rights to be able to watch television, especially my local channels, from the company of my choice.

Sincerely,

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