

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to you today as a current satellite TV subscriber who would like to add my voice of support to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. The combination of these two satellite providers will provide numerous benefits to consumers like me, including more choices in channels, programming, broadband and new television technologies.

I have enjoyed the services of Echostar for the past two years. Without their service, I would not be able to enjoy the local stations or any of the other stations available on television.

Currently, I have been waiting for broadband internet services to be available for my home. In the two years that I have been living in the area, I have come to learn that we are still short in distance of reaching the broadband services. Just 8 miles from my home, customers are enjoying those privileges.

So, please allow this merger to be completed to allow a greater selection of channels on tv and to meet the demand of broadband internet services in areas where they have not been available. So I plead again to you that you help us close the gap by approving the merger.

Sincerely,

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