

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I would like to see the merger between Echostar and DirectTV approved, because it will finally allow satellite to compete with the cable companies. This merger would not create a monopoly for Echostar, it would end a monopoly for cable companies. I currently only have one option for programming if I want local stations. This merger would allow me to finally get a dish. Please do whatever you can to help this merger go through.

Sincerely,

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