

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

Please consider supporting the merger between EchoStar and Dish Network. I am a professional woman (doctorate) working as a researcher in higher education, and also own (with my husband) and agricultural home-based business. We live 6 miles from our town of 12,000, but cannot get cable television, broadband internet access (I'm currently connected at 28.8), or local access to networks. I usually know what the news is in Chicago, but not in my state capitol of Little Rock because I cannot get local news due to the terrain in Arkansas. Trust me, I'm not living in the sticks!

This merger would bring me into the 21st century as far as television and internet access, and greatly aid my marketing and research abilities for both my higher education career and my farm business.

Sincerely,

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