

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am strongly in favor of the merger between Dish Network and DirectTV. We live in a rural area and do not receive our local channels very well (depends on the weather). I have tried boosters and such, but nothing helps all the time. We cannot even receive our local Fox channel (we couldn't even watch the 2002 Super Bowl) Please allow the merger so those of us in rural America can get a better signal and hopefully the internet someday. There are many people that I talk to that don't even know of this possible break thru. If this merger does occur, I think it will help all of us in outlying areas.

Sincerely,

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