

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am against the merger of Echostar's DishNetwork and Hughes' DirectTV. I believe DishNetwork is holding its customers hostage by limiting access to local stations until the merger goes through.

For two years I received the local Boston stations, and when the FCC required all local stations to be carried, I thought that was great. Until I asked to stop paying for the local UPN-TV38 as a Superstation since it was part of my locals package. That is when EchoStar informed me I was no longer eligible for local Boston stations, even though I cannot receive any local stations using a large outdoor antenna.

Now I'm forced to watch New York stations, including the hated Yankees! And I also believe EchoStar's recent price increase was to help prepare for merger payment, and not the fault of Disney, as they claimed. So higher costs and less consumer empowerment will be the final results of this merger.

Please allow for continued competition in the satellite television market and stop this merger.

Sincerely,

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