

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Powell:

While a merger such as this may offer better service for customers the trend for the past decade has been an exceptionally high level of greed by those who already own and control the most cash and assets. Even if the FCC promises what it thinks is an appropriate level of control, those with the most influence by manipulation of their holdings have always been able to get nearly everything just the way they want it. Indeed, as the stock market has been screaming, there is no morality when it comes to big business. Just look at the cost to see a sports event or how many are placed in pay-per-view situations. Yes, mergers can offer better situations for everyone BUT they are very risky particularly when big corporate names like Hughes are involved. One more thing to say: Think about how much the quality of news reporting has gone downhill. All news reporting has become subject to pressures of funding and the influence of people who only have their own interests in mind.

Sincerely,

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