

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 take the time to write this letter to show my support for the impending merger between echostar and hughes. I really can't understand the talk that this merger will create a monopoly. Don't both of these companies directly compete with AT&T in cable television and high speed internet? It seems to me that the only company in the whole situation that could possibly be considered a monopoly is AT&T. Therefore, I think this merger is not only legal but it is necessary in order to keep AT&T in a competitive environment. The rants that I have heard/read over the past few months totally disregard the fact that the failure of this merger to pass might just lead to even higher cable costs in populated areas due to the lack of a competitor with AT&T in these populated areas. Please do not take away my choice of television and high speed internet providers by siding with AT&T.

Sincerely,

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