

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to you as a subscriber to the Dish Network at my business and a subscriber to Time Warner cable at my home.

I fully support the Echostar/DirectTV merger. I receive crystal clear reception of cable TV channels on my DishNetwork receiver at my business. I am a portfolio manager and have the smallest package available through DishNetwork so that I can receive CNBC. This costs me about \$23 a month. To get CNBC through Time Warner cable it would cost me over \$40 a month. I was fortunate to discover the value of the Dish Network because of Time Warner's inability to show up for four scheduled installation appointments.

At home my family likes getting local channels. We subscribe to the expanded basic service which costs us about \$37 a month. Our cable service is poor. Most of the channels (particularly the channels above channel 40) are very snowy. The audio is clear but the view is poor. My parents have the same problem across town.

We have seriously considered getting a Dish at home but the lack of local channels discourages us. We don't really want to have to switch back and forth between a big antenna. We know now that the merger would allow Dish to offer local channels here. We need this. Time Warner offers poor service and a poor product. Competition is the only way to force this monopoly to improve. So when considering whether or not the Echostar/DirectTV merger will create a monopoly remember who the big monopolies really are - AOL Time Warner, Cox, AT&T Broadband. The merger of Dish/DirectTV will finally give consumers a choice between traditional cable service and a legitimate competitor.

Please support the merger of Echostar and DirectTV.

I do not currently own for myself nor for any client shares of Echostar, General Motors, General Motors Hughes, AOL Time Warner or AT&T. I have written this letter as a consumer.

Sincerely,

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