

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing this letter to voice, in written form, my STRONG support of the proposed Echostar & Hughes merger. As a current user of Echostar's DISH Network, I have top-notch programming and quality television available to me. Their service quality, picture quality, sound quality, pricing, and ease of use is FAR superior to that of my local cable company's.

In addition, I do not currently have available to me local channels through the DISH Network, which, through my understanding, would be provided after the merger. The cable company has for too long been the only solution to programming for local channels. However, they cannot provide the service and quality that subscribers should have access to.

Please put your full support behind this merger. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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