

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I have written previously in favor about the merger between Hughes and Echostar. I want to reaffirm that I still in favor of this merger. The merger would allow me to receive my local channels without having to pay an additional bill to my cable company or set up an antenna to receive them. I have thought about using the national feeds from the satellite, but KALB, the NBC affiliate in our area, will not allow waivers for the NBC feed. They want the people in Leesville to erect large antennas to receive their signal as no smaller antenna will work. Living in a rural area, I feel that this merger will help the people in our area to receive an equitable product at an equitable price. I hope that you will support this merger for the rural people of Louisiana and the United States.

Sincerely,

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