

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am not in support of the EchoStar-DirectTV Merger. I am a customer of Dish Network for the reason that it had the best prices for what I wanted in my home. Were it not for the competition between the two companies, I would either be paying a lot more for this service, or I would still have cable television.

Also, the broadband service that is described as a benefit of the merger is not much better than 56k internet access. Satellite internet is not nearly as fast or as stable as services such as Cable or DSL. Also, the broadband internet offered by these companies is up to 2 times the cost of a similar service offered by a local cable or phone company.

I truly believe that competition between Satellite Television providers is necessary to bring customers the best prices available and offer customers the choices that they want in the service. A merger of these two companies would not guarantee customers the best prices available.

Sincerely,

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