

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 to urge you to support the merger of the DishNetwork and GMHughes satellite systems.

For years, I have been frustrated by the monopolies held by local cable companies. Last year, when our local cable provider raised my rates for the third time in 6 months, I finally got fed up. I cancelled my cable subscription and signed up with DishNetwork. I'm pleased with their service, and do not plan to return to cable.

I am very grateful that there is FINALLY an alternative to cable television. The competition between cable and satellite television can ONLY serve to help consumers. I am confident that the limitations Mr. Ergren and company are promising in terms of not taking advantage of rural areas will be effective.

Monopolies promote abuse. It's time for the cable monopoly to stop. I would strongly urge you to support this merger.

Sincerely,

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