

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

In regards to the proposed merger between Echostar (Dish Network) and DirectTV, I must ask you to please deny this merger. I am currently a DirectTV customer, and I subscribed to DirectTV because it was the only alternative to DishNetwork. I have family members that have had very bad experiences with DishNetwork, have been told by them that they had to pay charges not incurred by themselves, with no investigation whatsoever. Customer service at Dish Network leaves something to be desired also. If this company is allowed to purchase its only competitor in the small dish market, how will there be any free market governing their practices? I implore you to act in the spirit of Theodore Roosevelt - a great President that worked hard to protect the average American from being exploited by large corporations. Please deny this merger request, and keep competition ALIVE.

Sincerely,

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