

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing in support of the proposed EchoStar-DIRECTV merger. I don't know why I even have to write, seeing as how Congress let Boeing buy McDonnell/Douglas, AOL buy Time/Warner, etc. This should be a no-brainer. Cable has the vast majority of subscribers, yet they are complaining about the merger. Are they scared of some competition? You need to let this merger go through. I myself have neither cable nor DBS, but am planning on subscribing to DBS in the near future. I've had cable in the past and know what a joke that was. Plus, I want HiDef programming, since I have a HiDef receiver and television. DBS will provide that for me, and with the merger, much more HiDef programming.

Sincerely,

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