

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 merger between Echo Star and Direct TV. I am a current Dish Network Subscriber but am forced to continue to subscribe to cable company (that has a monopoly in our rural area yet does nothing to improve our service or selection) in order to get network and/or local television. I understand the local networks concern about protecting their market area but am frustrated by being held hostage.

I don't understand all the 'ins' and 'outs' but I have come to trust Dish Network as being truly consumer oriented. I'm with them on this merger.

Sincerely,

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