

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 support the Dish/directTV merger, since it will give the DBS satellite provider a larger base of customers to serve, allowing it the fiscal ability to provide more services to those of us living in rural areas, unable to have cable service.

The larger customer base will allow the DBS satellite service to effectively compete with the large cable conglomerates. TimeWarner has a huge advantage in its customer base, yet no one seems to mind their advantage.

If regulators view this as competition between entertainment providers, and not as one company monopolizing the dba delivery of entertainment, then it takes on a more competitive dimension.

If need be, the FCC could watch the actions of Echostar after the merger, and see if there is abuse of their having control of the dba satellite service, and appropriate legislation could be drafted to prevent abuse.

Sincerely,

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