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From: "R. Herberts" <rh@umsl.edu>
To: <mcopps@fcc.gov>
Date: 4/14/02 3:56PM
Subject: I oppose the Direct TV/Echostar merger

Dear Commissioner Copps;

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed merger between Dish Network and Direct Tv.

While I am a very strong supporter of the free enterprise system in place in this country, I do not believe this merger would benefit satellite television service consumers such as myself. I am a subscriber of Dish Network and have seen three rate hikes for basic service in the past 24 months. I fear a merger will result in even more uncontrolled rate hikes in the future. I also fear the lack of competition that would be given to this monopoly is not in my best interests.

For this reason I would ask you to do whatever you can to stop this merger of these two corporations.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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