

In response to the ongoing review of the Echostar/Hughes Satellite TV Merger, I go on record as STRONGLY SUPPORTING this merger. This new company would be poised to offer local tv channels via satellite to every subscriber in America, thus putting satellite TV on a level playing field with the cable giants who have constantly gouged us to death with rate increases at a rate much higher than the rate of inflation. Echostar too has had to raise rates over the years, but the amount of the increases are always more in line with the inflation rate and much easier on the subscriber. Additionally, my dealings with Echostar's Customer Service department has always been a positive experience (UNLIKE DEALING WITH MY LOCAL CABLE COMPANY). I'd love to receive my local channels via satellite and I look forward to the new and exciting offerings Echostar can bring me if this merger is approved. For the benefit of all America, I ask you to GIVE US A CHOICE TO THE CABLE GIANTS...Please support this merger and SOON!