

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 Echostar DirectTV merger. I live in rural South Carolina and am currently only able to connect to the internet via a low quality phone line that usually connects at speeds of 31200 bps or slower. My understanding is that one of the benefits of a merged Echostar DirectTV would be low cost high speed internet access via satellite. The phone company refuses to put high speed lines out to my residence, and the local cable company has not yet run lines to our area to allow for internet access via cable. Our only alternative is to have high speed satellite access. I urge you in the strongest language to approve the Echostar DirectTV merger to allow us in rural South Carolina to have affordable, high speed internet access.

Thank You,  
David Jaspers

Sincerely,

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