

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

Right now I am opposed to this merger. I have been told by people in some of the religious programs that I watch that Echostar is opposed to abc's family programming. You can say anything before you become a monopoly. Then you can do anything that you want. Why can't Dish Network have access to the local channels that they need. They should not be denied access. It is a sure sign that Direct TV is forcing them to merge with them for this access. I want assurance that our family and religious programming will stay intact.

PS. If this is sent to Echostar how do I know that it will even be sent onto the members of congress?

Sincerely,

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