

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing this letter in support of the EchoStar/DirectTV merger. For me the greatest advantage will be accessibility to broadband. At this time, I am having to put up with a local dial-up that is beyond slow; and Verizon refuses to bring us ISDN or Broadband. Living in a rural area, this will probably be our only hope for broadband.

Sincerely,

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