

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to you today as a current satellite TV subscriber who would like to add my voice of support to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV.

Because I live in a rural community, much of the infrastructure available to urban populations is not available here. Primary among these is direct satellite link Internet service. I am an independent contractor who relies heavily upon the Internet. The telephone lines here are unreliable and for a small business, ISDN is very expensive. I do not have direct line of sight access to my local ISP's DSL towers. The ability to take advantage of DSL would greatly improve my life by freeing up many hours spent waiting for slow Internet connections and data transfer.

Additionally, even 'in town' customers who have Cable complain about poor service and steep price increases. Overall, I have been VERY satisfied with Dish Network's customer service. If they can maintain their high-quality service, become more competitive in their marketplace, AND offer me more and better features, I'm all for it!

For the reasons stated, I urge you to lend your support to this merger.

Sincerely,

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