

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

Dear Sir:

I would be pleased if you would consider the impact of supporting the merger between Echostar and DirecTV. I realize that the percentage of people living in rural areas is small nationwide, but it's not so small in the state of Georgia. I live and farm in Macon County. I've tried numerous ways to receive local networks, but have never been successful. I have spoken to several friends in the area about the problem, and they all claim to have the same difficulties.

I would also like to address something else that is taken for granted by those in urban areas. The odds of ever getting broadband internet access where I live are very slim. Satellite broadband is a very desirable alternative to this. I have visited relatives who have cable modems and DSL. It makes me feel as though we are somehow inferior to others in this aspect. I feel it could even open up job opportunities for some who now have access that's too slow.

My inability to receive local networks makes me rely on newspapers and radio to keep up with what's going on in the world, and the slow internet is a very frustrating experience. This merger can solve these problems for those of us who choose to provide the valuable service of farming to our country.

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