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Subject: HDTV LOCAL STATIONS RETRANSMISSION/DIRECTV

Dear Chairman Powell, Commissioner Abernathy, Commissioner Copps and Commissioner Martin:

Please do whatever you can to make DirecTV's pending acquisition of Echostar CONTINGENT upon DirecTV's providing their customers local stations' HDTV retransmissions BEFORE this acquisition is complete. My understanding is that Echostar already provides these retransmissions but DirecTV has not come to any agreement with the local stations (at least in the Los Angeles area). If DirecTV wants to be the "only game in town" it MUST provide HDTV retransmissions to serve the public interest. Please see that it does.

Thank you.

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