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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington D.C. 20554

Re: Docket 01-348

To Whom It May Concern:

Digital broadcast satellites are the future of pay television service. I recently saw that there's a proposal for a merger between two of the major satellite providers, DirecTV (Hughes) and DISH Network (EchoStar). It seems that streamlining their operations through this merger is a good idea. It will eliminate a lot of the duplicative programming and free up broadcasting space for improved service (like high-speed internet, etc.) to rural areas, which have historically been at a huge disadvantage when it comes to technology.

I hope you'll consider my viewpoint as you formulate your position on this merger. I think it's a positive move for competition in the marketplace, and that the merger between the companies should be approved.

Thank you,
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