

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 DESCENT to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. The combination of these two satellite providers will NOT provide benefits to consumers like me. I strongly believe that when companies compete for customers all consumers will receive the best price and service. Allowing companies to combine will insure that the price will increase and that the service will decrease.

In the interest of improving our access to competitive television and Internet service, I urge you NOT to support to this merger.

Sincerely,

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