

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 concerning the proposed merger of Directv and Dish Network. I was a Dish Network customer berofre I switched to Directv and will never go back. Dish Network is perhaps one of the worst, most dishonest companies I have ever had to deal with. In response to a request from a waiver, they told me that they couldn't send a request, and when I told them that I had spoken with the FCC, and the law says that they have to request it, subscribers no longer can, they told me 'the FCC had no jurisdiction over us'. They then sent me a nasty letter from thier lawyer. If the merger goes through, I will be forced to drop service. I am already petitioning the cable company to extend cable to my area. Also, with only one choice, they will be able to make the prices as high as they want to... why would the FCC approve a merger that makes a monopoly?

Please reject this proposed merger so that rural customers can still have freedom of choice in their programming.

Sincerely,

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