

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

Please support the EchoStar-DirectTV merger. These companies combined will be able to better compete with cable. Our local cable service was horrible. We switched to Dish and couldn't be happier. Please don't enable the 'cable-protective' policies to continue. A combined Echostar-DirectTV company means more local stations for more people in more places, better channel selection and less reliance on cable for people in small markets. My parents are in rural Wisconsin and have horrible cable service. They will not get a dish because it doesn't have their local stations. Such a merger would create a dish company large enough to offer them local stations and end the cable monopoly in their area. This merger does not create a monopoly, but rather, it puts an end to another. Don't let the billion dollar cable companies sway you, do what's right for consumers.

Thanks,

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Sincerely,

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