

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 express my support of the proposed merger of Echostar and Hughes. As a former DBS salesperson, current customer, and FM Radio Broadcaster (WXFX Montgomery, AL), I feel that I should have the right to receive local programming through my satellite system just as a cable customer would. It is unfair to own a satellite system and still be forced to pay a cable television company for basic service when receiving broadcast stations over the air simply isn't feasible. I live in the state capital, and have trouble receiving broadcast television, therefore am unable to view local programming without still being forced to pay for a cable connection. Please review the merger proposal in a fair and equitable manner and realize that the proposition is in the best interest of the public.

Sincerely,

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