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**Subject:** Echostar take-over of DirecTV

We would like to comment on the proposed Echostar take-over of DirecTV.

We both oppose it. We live in a mountainous, rural region of Colorado, at an altitude of 8,300 feet. There is no cable TV in this area. Even the mailboxes are a mile from our home. We currently have DirecTV. If Echostar takes over DirecTV, then we will have no choice at all for our TV service provider.

We cannot pick up even local stations with an antenna with any degree of picture quality here, so the only way we can have TV at all is through a satellite service provider. We like having a choice of satellite service providers, and we have chosen DirecTV over Echostar. If you allow the take-over to go through, Echostar would be a monopoly in areas such as ours, and our only choice then would be to not have any TV at all or use Echostar.

Please take this into consideration when you make your ruling regarding this matter, and thank you for the opportunity to give you our comments.

Sincerely,

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