

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 urge you to support and/or approve the proposed merger of DirectTV and DishNetwork satellite providers.

I am a consumer and a satellite television customer. I think the merger will be a great benefit to consumers like me by increasing vigorous competition, not among satellite broadcasters, but among the bigger and more crucial market of all providers of both broadcast television and broadband internet, which includes not only satellite broadcasters but also the large cable providers like AOL/Time Warner, AT&T and others.

DirectTV and DishNetwork have demonstrated that in the markets in which they are available (with local channels) rates for television services are lower for all consumers, including cable subscribers. This is a big reason why I switched over from cable in the first place, because DishNetwork offered better services at better rates.

Allowing the merger will enable the newly combined company to have the resources to fairly compete with cable providers on a truly national basis, providing many consumers for the first time ever to have a choice as to where they will purchase their television and broadband services. Without the merger, it will take many many years for either DirectTV or DishNetwork to acquire the ability to truly and fairly compete with the cable giants that still nearly monopolize many markets.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. Best regards,

Sincerely,

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