

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a stockholder and subscriber of DirectTV, I feel the merger of both DirectTV and Echostar will be good for the consumer. There are no legitimate anti-trust issues where cable and satellite are represented in the area of service. The real problem here is that the FCC must resolve the rural area issue where cable service or other alternative TV services are not available. This can be resolved by putting in place a regulatory arm to make sure the rural customers are given a fair subscription price that is comparable with existing competitive prices elsewhere. Once a secondary source of programming is introduced in the regulatory rural areas, the regulatory arm is then lifted to allow the natural competitive forces to take hold.

Sincerely,

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