

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

Though I am a Dish Network subscriber and am happy with the service, I am opposed to the merger of Dish Network and Direct TV. My reason is as follows:

Millions of people that have no access to cable TV will have NO choice in the marketplace, and though Dish Network, to this point, has been priced fairly, I feel that this is partially due to the competition of Direct TV. We have seen what competition has done in the airline industry with forces like Southwest airlines, and fares where they provide service being substantially lower for ALL airlines in those cities served. We have seen similar forces of competitive forces in many other industries.

To remove the sole competitor for millions of customers depends on the 'good faith' of the management of Dish Network. Though I like Chralie Ergan's 'down home' approach, what assurances are there that there won't be a change of management, or management philosophies. Millions of people could be left with NO viable choice, and be forced to pay whatever Dish Network decided to charge.

I have the choice of cable, but millions would be left with none...

I strongly urge you to fight to oppose this merger.

Sincerely,

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