

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 you today as a current satellite TV subscriber who would like to express my concern about the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. The combination of these two satellite providers will eliminate competition and remove any incentive to improve customer service in the future.

At present, I have only three choices in my area for digital television. Cable, Echostar, and DirectTV. Since the cable companies already have skyrocketing prices, satellite providers have been my only other option. Eliminating competition among them may further increase prices and decrease customer service.

In the interest of improving our access to competitive television and Internet service, I urge you prevent this merger.

Sincerely,

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