

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I have subscribed to digital satellite because they offer better service for less. I ask that you approve the merger between direct tv and dish network. This will finally give them the ability to compete with the big media companies and provide the consumer the best service.

You work for us the people, not the media/broadcasting companies. Please don't allow their big money to influence you in your decision on what is right. We want local channels over satellite. I cannot get them right now because my market is not big enough for dish network to offer. I cannot even get the networks from another market because of some bureaucratic notion that markets need to be protected. We harp on Russia and China all the time about closed markets and competition yet that is exactly what you are doing when you dis allow this merger.

Please let the satellite companies compete by approving this merger. Listen to the people. Do what is best for them. They are the ones that elected you. (At least we would like to beleive so.)

I cannot even fathom how past big media mergers were allowed but this merger is even questioned. You guys must operate on a different planet that the rest of America with this thinking. Please come home!

Sincerely,

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