

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a current DirectTV subscriber in semi-rural Arizona, I would like to voice my complete support of the merger between DirectTV and EchoStar. The increased coverage, service availability and economies of scale more than justify any loss in competition which may result. I urge you to expedite this filing so that families in areas such as ours can receive service on a level approaching that in more developed regions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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