

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I wish to state in the strongest possible terms my strong opposition to the merger of DISH and DirecTV.

I am a current subscriber to DISH. If this merger is approved, DISH will have a total monopoly in many areas of the country (including mine) where cable TV is not available and be free to ride roughshod over its subscribers without any competition whatsoever. This will mean, at a minimum, higher subscription fees and, in all probability, a deterioration in services.

Monopolies are unlawful in this country. If approved, this merger would create a monopoly. It seems like a 'no-brainer' to me -- this merger must not be allowed to proceed.

Thank you for your attention and, hopefully, your support in seeing to it that this oppressive monopoly is not created.

Sincerely,

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