

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

To whom it may concern,

This letter is in reference to the pending merger between Hughes and Echostar. I believe this merger if approved would be very advantageous to many people like myself who can not access local channels through their satellite provider. I have tried boosters, outdoor antennas, and even UHF/VHF amplifiers, to access local channels, with no success. I have requested waivers and been rejected due to the fact that I should be able to get local channels where I live.

I myself subscribe to both DirectTV and Dish Network. I receive my regular programming through Dish and subscribe to the NFL Sunday Ticket through DirectTV. It would be much easier to get both through one provider if this merger was to be approved.

In conclusion, I urge you to approve the Echostar-Hughes merger, as it would greatly make satellite TV service much better.

Sincerely,

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