

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing you in SUPPORT of the Echostar/General Motors Hughes merger. I have been a Dishnetwork subscriber since they became available for purchase.

I live in Rural America. NO cable company will ever run its pipe by my door. I am not concerned in the least bit with the lack of choice between Hughes and Dish if the merger is approved.

Dish customer support has always been top notch. Once they had a billing problem that took a few days to fix---but they fixed it to my satisfaction.

They have agreed to a national pricing plan so I will never pay more for their service than someone with 3 or 4 cable companies to choose from that lives in Urban America will.

Since I pay annually they even give me a Free Month every year. I support the merger. Cable will only get stronger with the advent of Digital cable and movies on demand. Cable needs strong satellite competition.

Sincerely,

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