

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

The merger will both retard competition as well as create a shaky business platform for Charlie Ergen to stand on. As an industry insider who has lived through both Netlink and Primestar, it is my opinion that the only way for the subscribers to have the best possible service is to have a choice between at least two companies with which to receive their satellite entertainment. The competitive spirit between the companies always benefits the customer. I have seen the price of a satellite set-top boxes decrease from \$760 dollars to now nearly free if you walk into a Blockbuster video. No one agrees that Burger King and McDonalds need to combine interests in order to combat Taco Bell. The stance that the only way to combat cable is through a united front is absolutely ludicrous.

Sincerely,

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