

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

Dear Sir:

I am writing to show my support for the proposed merger of Echostar and Direct TV. I firmly believe that as a consumer, I would benefit from the merger of the two companies.

I switched to Dish as a fed up cable customer. They offered inferior service and technology, and had constant predictable price increases.

Though I was lucky and was able to recieve cable, there are many Americans in rural America that cannot recieve cable. These customers would benefit the most from the joining of foces of the two companies.

Two things that they will be able to receive with the combination of the two companies would be broad band internet, and ability to recieve their local networks via satelite. As it is now only 40 some markets are available.

I urge you to please support the merger of these two companies so they may better compete with cable.

Sincerely,

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