

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a current Dish Network subscriber -I can state that either of the satellite services is a tremendous advantage over cable or direct broadcast in the NorthWest and SouthWest of the United States. Many areas of the coast have very poor coverage and Dish or Direct are the only way to enjoy the news, educational benefits, and entertainment capability of television. The smaller markets simply do not justify the expenditure that it takes for broadcast or cable coverage. Both Echostar & Direct TV provide excellent service - both are limited by the bandwidth available - they duplicate many services and each has its unique advantages - merging the two should provide customers with the best of both companies and I am unaware of any disadvantages to the merger - thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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