

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I oppose the merger of Dish Network and Direct TV. Dish Network is already wielding what monopoly power it now has by charging a five-dollar per month fee to use a second receiver even though it does not own the receiver or provide any service of value. It can do this because it controls access to every receiver by way of a smart card which it may or may not choose to activate.

The merger will not bring competition to broadband internet. Dish Network currently charges 50% more when compared to DSL. Obviously outside of DSL and cable areas it will be able to charge even more.

Sincerely,

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