

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I support the Echostar DirectTV proposed merger and ask that you do the same. Face it, there is billions of dollars of equipment that is being duplicated by having the two companies separate. As for competition, you know as well as I do that the real competition is with all multi-channel TV providers and not with a specific technology like DBS. The combined company wouldn't even have 20% of the market but would work to bring true competition by providing everyone with local channel availability as well as broadband internet. With the one price guarantee I see it as a no-brainer win for the consumer.

Sincerely,

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