

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to you today as a current satellite TV subscriber who would like to add my reserved voice of support to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTTV.

This merger will add many benefit and could correct a current injustice being imposed on satellite TV subscribers by satellite TV providers.

Currently satellite TV subscribers are charged a monthly service fee for each additional satellite receiver they have. I paid more than \$100 for my second satellite receiver, and am charged a monthly service fee of \$4.99 for my second receiver, just so that I can watch one channel and record on another channel.

If you look back in history you'll see that Congress corrected similar injustices when they told the phone companies they couldn't charge an extra monthly service fee for each extension phone in your house and told the Cable TV industry they couldn't charge an extra monthly service fee for every TV Signal Splitter in your house. It's time Congress told the Satellite TV industry they can't charge an extra monthly service fee for each additional satellite receiver in your home.

Now is the time for Congress to correct this injustice. Don't approve the EchoStar - DIRECTTV merger if the Satellite TV industry doesn't agree to drop the extra monthly service fee for each additional satellite receiver.

I like my satellite TV service (and have learned to live without the Major TV Networks broadcasts, because by some law passed by Congress, they can't provide me the signal), but I'd switch back to cable tomorrow if they could only provide me half the channels I'm currently receiving from my satellite TV provider.

Sincerely,

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