

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

When we heard about the possibility of a merger between these two companies we were ecstatic. We have chosen to live in a rural area near Fort Hood. We did not realize how limited we were in choice in several markets including TV and internet. We cannot get cable so we had to get satellite TV which thankfully was affordable. However, we still cannot get local channels. We do not get our local news or accurate weather. We also can only use dial-up internet access. Since my husband is enrolled in college classes online, this is extremely inconvenient. We had broadband before moving here and we like it so much more.

Therefore, we are very in favor of the EchoStar/Dish merger taking place. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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