

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

Dear Chairman Powell:

EchoStar is a company that cares about it's customers. In the past I have been a cable subscriber and the only thing I could be sure of was that cable rates would rise as high as the local cable company could raise them. When I would have problems and submit a support request, I would be told that all their people are busy and they would get to me as soon as possible. When I complained I was reminded by the cable company that they were they only choice in town!

When I switched to satellite TV through DishNetwork 3+ years ago, I found a company that was courteous and genuinely wanted my business. There service is extremely reliable and my service has only increased in price 2 dollars in the time I have been a customer (\$1.00 for my basic 100 channels, \$1.00 for my premium channels). I would like to see how many cable companies can say that when they compare identical services.

I would like to see this merger happen so that satellite TV is on the same footing as cable providers and I hope that you will support this merger

Sincerely,

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