

Comcast argues the fears raised by opponents are overblown. The company notes that in addition to the net neutrality regulations, conditions on its 2011 purchase of NBCUniversal limit its ability to restrict online video. Those conditions though expire in 2018. Should regulators okay this massive merger it should require an extension of these existing conditions scheduled to sunset in 2018. Ideally though this monstrosity of a deal should be outright blocked.

The strongest argument in defense of the merger is that Comcast and Time Warner Cable don't overlap in any areas. So allowing the companies to merge wouldn't mean fewer choices for consumers. But opponents fear that following that logic to its conclusion would essentially put no limits on Comcast's growth, allowing it to eventually cover the entire country.