

Dear FCC, the Acquisition of AT&T Wireless byCingular should be blocked for the right reasons:

As a wireless network engineer, I have worked on the deployment of no less than 9 different GSM/TDMA/CDMA networks around the world.

I can tell you that wireless telephony in the United States is years behind most parts of the developed (and developing)

world in terms of network quality, service deployment and consumer friendliness, which includes choice.

Cingular is attempting to force the consolidation of a market that has yet to develop properly, and it seems obvious that

by acquiring AT&T, Cingular hopes to take away the most feasible means for any sizable competition to enter the US market vis a vis AT&T's spectrum.

This event seems more like a preemptive maneuver to thwart competition than one to enhance it. You've got to be kidding me if this acquisition is to be approved.

Kind Regards,  
Bill Burley

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