

<DESCRIPTION>WC Docket No. 06-74, DA 06-2035 Comment supporting merger

<TEXT>I have the misfortune of being in an area served by a company doing business under the trademark of VERIZON. The phone book they provide does not give their name, address, or a general purpose phone number for contacting them. There is no contact number for problems with their equipment that cannot be isolated to a phone number known to the person with the complaint or procedure for disputing charges. The Indiana Secretary of State has a long list of companies with Verizon in their name but no detailed information on them. My limited experience with AT&T is much more favorable. I am in favor of the proposed merger subject to provisions which would prevent the above mentioned problems from occurring in the merged company, in the hope of providing better service to more people and accelerating the demise of companies doing business under the trademark VERIZON. The constraints of wired lines makes competition in any specific geographic area very limited so the primary protection lies in the terms of doing business.