

No. This merger should NOT be allowed to go through. T-mobile has historically been a small operator providing a number of competitive packages for the consumer.

a) Currently, T-mobile does NOT cap data plans which AT&T does.

b) T-mobile charges significantly lower for 4G plans than AT&T (same case as voice packages).

c) T-mobile allows the consumer to control their personal device. They have also in the recent past sold unlocked Android phones that were development friendly. AT&T, on the other hand controls the use of Android. It is not even possible to install third-party applications on AT&T based Android phones, thus fundamentally depriving the user of the experience. As a recent example, when Amazon opened their Application store, everyone except AT&T were able to utilize it. AT&T on the other hand still is "working" on making it available (which would be unnecessary if the owner of the phone had control over their device). All this is under the false pretense of "security".

d) As it is, devices sold in the US are heavily influenced by the operators. T-mobile has been one of the few operators that has been open to new designs and device manufacturers. AT&T on the other hand refused to offer an Android based phone for the longest period (because they wanted to no competition to iPhone as they had exclusive rights). Its not apparent that AT&T will let go of such monopolistic ways.

e) Even recently, AT&T decided to impose an upper cap on data usage on their DSL customers. From my perspective, this was done solely keeping their business interests in mind. They did NOT want users streaming from other online services such as VUDU and Netflix which would render their U-verse service not so profitable any more.

Essentially, all of the above only point us in one direction. Monopoly. Giving them a 39% market share as a result of this merger will result in an anticompetitive environment.

Increased costs, reduced choices, lack of technological advancement are all the US customers will be left with.