

I am an AT&T customer and I have been listening to AT&T report for years how they will be investing billions into their network improving it. I have yet to see this be done and in fact I have noticed the service actually declining as far as coverage and quality is concerned. I feel with the merger this will be no different. They have made some big promises that pertain to the merger and how it will improve their network. I feel that unless some strict guidelines are put in place that AT&T will eventually just liquidate the T-Mobile brand without any improvements to their network.

Also, with this merger it will eliminate the only other national GSM carrier leaving AT&T as the sole carrier for national GSM service. This will affect the smaller regional GSM carriers as they depend on the roaming agreements they have with the bigger national carriers to supplement their own coverage. With the merger I feel that AT&T will slowly start charging these smaller carriers more for the roaming agreements until it reaches a point where it is no longer financially possible to maintain these agreements. This will in turn push customers away to the only national GSM carrier, AT&T.

I am not against the merger as long as: a) Some guidelines can be put into place to protect the consumer b) AT&T lives up to the promises it has made.