

It's quite obvious that AT&T's merger of T-Mobile will hurt competition in the mobile space. This is the fastest growing commercial space right now, and a lot of stock holders stand to make a lot of money from this deal.

I currently hold a T-Mobile prepay plan, if this merger is successful the best case I will lose my mobile plan as AT&T switches off T-Mobile's towers for use in it's own network. This will turn my expensive data plan into a feature phone plan without any 3g access. In Atlanta, this plan is called their '4G' plan. If AT&T takes over T-Mobile, I will see my data access decrease in speed by 10-80% based on numbers from T-Mobile's site.

We pay more for cell phone plans than anywhere in the world. Carriers charge us for data/voice going out and coming in, double billing by any other country's standards. Our messaging plans cost four times the cost of sending data to hubble.[1] At this rate, the telecom companies will successfully turn the phone market into a duopoly. As the copper lines go away, we will only have access to telecommunication from a short list of companies at rates 5 times what the previous generation paid. Please consider these in your decision to approve the merger.

1. <http://www.physorg.com/news129793047.html>