

I am a current employee at an electronics retailer in Opelika, AL. Many of the customers that enter my store have questions about the AT&T/T-Mobile possible merge. None of the customers want this to happen, AT&T and T-Mobile customers alike. They believe it will result in higher prices for both carriers as competition will be lessened, they are worried about how they will be affected in their current contracts, and believe there will be fewer choices in cellular devices. These are legitimate concerns. For one, AT&T already has limited options in devices outside of the iPhone, just recently jumping on the "Android Bus." Also, the AT&T network is already so strained adding T-Mobile's customer base may be devastating. They have already limited the amount of data that can be used. What will happen if they merge? They should fix their current network issues instead of spending \$39 billion in stock and cash to acquire T-Mobile. This will also result in a GSM technology in the United States in which the public will have only one option, aside from the many smaller carriers and prepaid services that use the AT&T and T-Mobile towers. I feel, as well as most of the customers that I see on a daily basis, that this merger should not be allowed to occur.