

I'd like to share some more concerns below about the disastrous AT&T T-Mobil merger now rightly being blocked by Justice and the FCC. The following information should be included in discovery phase of the trial in Justice Department lawsuit and could be used by FCC in administrative legal hearings should FCC take AT&T to trial. Consider how more market power for AT&T lets it get away with violating Net Neutrality and the affect on mobile virtual network operators, backhaul, roaming, SMS, voice etc. As a telecommunications carrier getting USF funding in the past AT&T should not be able to reduce competition and qualify for continued funding as it seeks to discriminate online as a wire-line and wireless ISP.

The national wireless market consists of network operators like AT&T Mobility, Verizon Wireless, Sprint Nextel, and T-Mobil and then there are MVNOs (acronym for Mobile Virtual Network Operator) like the progressive CREDO Mobil and then there's the new Republic Wireless offering unlimited calling/data via WiFi for \$19 a month and Sprint Nextel 3G/4G service as a backup option. Now that the FCC and Justice have both denied AT&T's T Mobil takeover which would face administrative legal hearings from the FCC after the Justice Department antitrust lawsuit should AT&T somehow win over Justice which is unexpected it is time to gather all the evidence against the merger. I suggest gathering all information submitted by critics of the merger to this docket and look at the effect on backhaul, roaming rates, how the merger would affect mobile virtual network operators, how it would affect texting (SMS i.e. text messaging), mobile broadband, voice, data and wireless tethering of smartphones or tablets with 3G/4G mobile broadband service as modems to laptop computers. The AT&T T Mobil merger must be stopped. Protect competition and the openness of the Internet already threatened by past mergers that have successfully been completed despite opposition of public interest groups ranging from Consumers Union of the United States, Teletruth an Alliance for Telecommunications User's Rights. Media Access Project, Public Knowledge, media reform watchdog Free Press etc.