

FCC ruling boost for competition

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Now that the U.S. Federal Communications Commission has come out against the anti competitive, job-killing AT&T and T-Mobil merger this awful deal is as good as dead.

We need more competition and consumer choice in our markets for wire-line and wireless communications, not less. By joining the U.S. Justice Department in opposing the merger, the FCC whose chairman it was recently announced wanted to hold administrative legal hearings on the deal is protecting the public interest.

No amount of lies about job creation by AT&T and empty promises could overcome the facts of how bad this deal would be for consumers. Perhaps if AT&T allowed T-Mobil post-merger to continue operating it would not have been so bad.

AT&T is a staunch opponent of network neutrality rules of nondiscrimination. Allowing service providers owning the ?pipes? to discriminate against content or services of competitors online is not right. We should applaud the FCC chairman for protecting the public interest against a giant corporation.

If Deutsche Telekom wants out of the U.S. wireless market it must propose a more competitive deal for selling T-Mobil. AT&T should abandon this deal and invest in its own wireless network.

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