

The FCC should not grant AT&T permission to buy Qualcomm's unused 700 MHz wireless spectrum (11-18) while uncertainty of AT&T's T-Mobile merger remains. If AT&T is able to overcome regulatory opposition to its T-Mobile merger (by striking a settlement with regulators) and complete that transaction it should not be allowed to also get Qualcomm's 700 MHz spectrum. Should the FCC approve Qualcomm transaction it should delay giving its approval until the uncertainty around the T-Mobile merger that should and rightly is being blocked has been resolved. After all with both T-Mobile and Qualcomm spectrum AT&T would wield enormous control over the wireless market. After all approval of both deals together would further empower an already dominant wireless carrier to leverage its control over devices, backhaul, and consumers in ways that stifle competition. I suggest if the FCC chooses to approve the Qualcomm transaction they do so with strings attached that require all of AT&T's 700 MHz LTE devices to work across all Lower 700 MHz spectrum -- not just the Band Class that AT&T currently is assigned -- within two years.