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Federal Communications Commission
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Request: Speedy Approval Process for AT&T Spectrum Licenses to T-Mobile

I request a speedy approval process of the wireless spectrum transaction of AT&T licenses being transferred to T-Mobile USA. This transaction is not anti-competitive as the AT&T merger would have been and the spectrum going to T-Mobile will help it remain in the market as a viable competitor. T-Mobile which has come out of this as a weaker player could gain strength with this spectrum and the cash infusion AT&T is putting into it as part of their breakup agreement. Should Deutsche Telekom AG decide to still try and exit the U.S. wireless business they could pitch T-Mobile USA to other potential buyers or spinoff T-Mobile USA's business as a n independent company. In the event they decide they still want to sell T-Mobile USA will be more valuable to other buyers with the AT&T spectrum and cash on its books. Approving the spectrum swap will give T-Mobile USA more resources at a time when its parent has lost interest in investing in it. This will allow T-Mobile USA to survive and remain a viable competitor in the wireless market and thus hold down the price of phone service and mobile broadband.

Please approve the transfer of spectrum licenses from AT&T Mobility to T-Mobile USA a.s.a.p. Had the disastrous AT&T T-Mobile merger stopped by Justice and the FCC been approved it would have led to a near duopoly of the cellular phone market in the U.S. and give AT&T an exclusive monopoly over GSM based 3G connections. It would have also eliminated competition in the pre-paid market as T-Mobile USA was beginning to enter that market and do well in it even as it lost contract subscribers in the post-paid market. The rumor mill is that T-Mobile cannot survive as is and even with the merger's demise cannot last much longer due to its parent company's lack of interest in investing in its U.S. wireless business. However, with the cash and spectrum infusion provided by AT&T it can make T-Mobile USA more valuable to other players seeking to buy it. Like every consumer, public interest advocate and critic of the AT&T T-Mobile merger I would have been fine with another company buying T-Mobile USA if the carrier would have been allowed to stay in business post-merger and continue operating. Of course that's not what AT&T's plans were for the company as they just wanted to shut the company down and hog T-Mobile's spectrum for themselves. Sorry Ma Bell no Ma Cell for you!

Sincerely,

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