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Honorable Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington D.C. 20554

Verizon Wireless, SpectrumCo and Cox - Assignment of AWS Licenses

12-4

Complaint

Such massive concentration of wireless spectrum by Verizon Wireless deprives smaller national carriers and regional carriers of the chance to acquire spectrum to stay competitive. A great deal of this spectrum will likely end up being warehoused instead of being utilized. Verizon Wireless has also entered into anti-competitive marketing agreements with the cable companies to resell each other's services. This will result in reduced competition among wire-line services. Despite Verizon and AT&T complaining they lack ample spectrum the facts portray a different picture.

They likely intend to hog up the entire spectrum for themselves and leave smaller carriers with crumbs. As a result smaller competitors will be left in the dust so to speak while Verizon Wireless and AT&T secure all the spectrum licenses for themselves. Spectrum is a finite and extremely valuable resource. Spectrum scarcity is a real issue that needs addressing but the real spectrum crunch is on the smaller carriers. Verizon Wireless does not deserve to be awarded this spectrum from the cable companies won the spectrum they want to turn over to Verizon Wireless in a prior auction but have since chosen not to use it to build a wireless network.

Therefore I request that the FCC reject this transaction and send it for an administrative hearing just as it rightly did for AT&T's now withdrawn takeover bid of T-Mobile USA. This transaction simply is not in the public interest for the reasons I've provided in past filings to this docket. When reviewing the facts provided in this proceeding the FCC cannot ignore the harms for consumers that would occur should this deal go through. Also the realization that this deal likely undermines the intent of Congress in the Telecom Act of 1996 is all the more reason why it should be rejected.

Sincerely,

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