

## Call to Action: Tell the FCC Non-Compete Peace Treaties Are No Good for You

When the nation's largest phone and cable companies get together, it's never good news for consumers.

Verizon has struck a backroom deal with a cartel of cable companies — including Comcast, Time Warner Cable and Cox Communications — to stop competing against one another and instead divvy up the spoils of the growing mobile market. And they're keeping mum on the details of this arrangement.

The cable industry wants to sell Verizon the mobile phone spectrum it originally considered using to give Verizon Wireless a little competition. In return, Verizon Wireless is going to start selling you Comcast/Time Warner/Cox cable TV service. It's all great for them, but if you were waiting for Verizon FiOS or a better deal for your cell phone, these phone and cable companies want to make sure you'll wait a long... LONG time. They claim they are not getting together in an anti-competition pact. They are just getting differently apart. It's like divorcing someone by agreeing to move in with them.

It's a bad marriage for consumers and now is the time for the Federal Communications Commission to deliver some parental supervision.

*Stop the Cap!* joins Free Press in calling on consumers to **tell the FCC to expose Verizon's backroom shenanigans**.

Tell the Commission you aren't happy with secret handshake deals that hand over the public airwaves to Verizon Wireless to consolidate its market concentration.

Even worse, you don't want America's largest competitor for big cable TV — telco-delivered broadband, TV, and phone service — eliminated so the phone companies can pitch you overpriced, non-competitive cable service from their new best friends.

What part of "monopoly cartel" doesn't the FCC understand? We the people want these deals stopped and you demand real competition, not more of the same.