

Recently, Verizon set out to strike a deal with Comcast and others that effectively eliminates cable companies from the field of wireless competition, but wants to keep the details of those agreements [closed to public scrutiny](#). AT&T has met concern over its business dealings with similar aversion, like when it blasted the FCC for [releasing its report](#) on the failed AT&T / T-Mobile merger. And following that failed bid, its policy team has been on a relentless crusade to shame the FCC for interfering with its plans — with AT&T's chief lobbyist Jim Cicconi going so far as to [accuse the FCC](#) of causing 1,900 layoffs at T-Mobile.