

With Verizon Wireless promising to sell some of their existing 700 MHz spectrum to gain regulatory approval for their deals with the Big Cable companies involving the SpectrumCo and Cox spectrum license transfer (12-4) legitimate concerns can be raised that the proposal could threaten to derail 700 MHz Interoperability.

Interoperability is a must so don't let them get away with this. The massive spectrum concentration that would occur as a result of these deals is not the only thing very bad about them. The potential for collusion with the marketing agreements is all the more reason to strike down these deals. The fact that Verizon claims it will face a spectrum shortage next year if it doesn't get this additional spectrum and now wants to sell spectrum to win permission to buy this spectrum (what's so special about these spectrum licenses) proves it was never about a spectrum crisis but hogging up as much spectrum Verizon could to deprive smaller competitors from getting it and implementing these anti-competitive marketing agreements to divide up the Internet. Interoperability for AWS should be mandated if Verizon gets spectrum from big cable TV providers. Attached are articles of interest and concern.