

Even if Verizon Wireless had attempted to merge with T-Mobile USA as AT&T did unsuccessfully thanks to regulatory objections the deal should still have rightly been blocked. In a concentrated wireless market we don't need more consolidation we need more choices and a merger that removes a competitor from a market despite AT&T's TV ads saying that the merger would have magically "given users a new choice" and in the same ad said "we'll deliver better service" eliminating competition destroys choice it doesn't create it. Any combination of AT&T Mobility with Sprint Nextel, T-Mobile USA, Verizon Wireless with either of those companies or possibly even Sprint and T-Mobile should raise regulatory eyebrows. Sprint T-Mobile would not be as bad as AT&T T-Mobile would have been or Verizon Wireless T-Mobile, nor would it be as bad as AT&T Verizon Wireless nor as bad as Verizon Sprint or AT&T Sprint but it still could have been bad if Sprint intended to shutdown T-Mobile post-merger.