

If Verizon gets hold of cable operators' Advanced Wireless Services (AWS) spectrum, and then **sells off its excess 700 MHz licenses** as planned, Verizon and AT&T would effectively **create private LTE bands**, making it extremely difficult for other operators to get devices and sign roaming agreements, Barry said.

“They can almost create their own walled gardens within their own 4G network services,” said Steve Berry the CEO of deal critic Rural Cellular Association. This is why regulators must deny the Verizon SpectrumCo and Cox deals. Interoperability must be mandated and its future protected in order to protect and promote greater competition. We must also have effective AWS Service Rules favorable to smaller competitors of AT&T and Verizon Wireless.