

Sprint's ex parte filing also attacked the cable companies' recent Cable WiFi hotspot roaming initiative, which, in conjunction with the Verizon commercial agreements, could impact the Wi-Fi offloading plans of Sprint and other mobile operators.

In fact, there may have already been an impact, as Sprint said it was "engaged in discussions with several large cable companies about the use of cable Wi-Fi by Sprint customers, but the cable companies broke off those talks late in 2011," prior to the announcement of Verizon's proposed transaction with the cable operators.