

If the FCC is now intent on approving the license transfers from SpectrumCo LLC and Cox Communications to Verizon Wireless and the subsequent conditional transfer of AWS spectrum from Verizon to T-Mobile it must a) put conditions requiring Verizon's proposed 700 MHz divestitures also still take place, b) that AT&T be excluded from any spectrum swaps involved here as AT&T has sufficient spectrum already despite their claims otherwise, c) only approve of the license transfer. The FCC should not rubber stamp the agency resale, joint operating entity agreements (JOE) and joint marketing agreements (JMA) between Verizon Wireless and the cable companies. We need competition to be protected also in the wire-line (land-line) market for basic telephony and broadband services. Please DO NOT RUBBER STAMP THE JOE! Approve the license transfer and deny the JOE, approve the license transfer and also put conditions on the JOE if JOE is to proceed etc or deny both outright.

It seems the DOJ is much more concerned about the JOE and more willing to protect consumers, competition and the public interest. It is unfortunate that the FCC if rumors are accurate is willing to jeopardize broadband competition even more in the wire-line market by rubber stamping the JOE and approving these license transfers simultaneously. Please either deny both the license transfer and JOE or just deny the JOE and approve the license transfer. Despite Verizon's claims to the contrary the FCC has authority to review the JOE for anti-competitive implications for the wire-line communications market and wireless market. As a result of the JOE and the Verizon cable license transfers cable companies that once bought AWS spectrum to enter the wireless market and compete with Verizon have now given up on entering the market to compete with the established giants – resulting in diminished wireless competition and these deals because of the JOE can lead to reduced wire-line competition.