

Verizon Communications (formerly Bell Atlantic before that company acquired GTE) and AT&T Inc., (the new Ma Bell forged by re-merging AT&T Corp., with SBC Communications and then Bell South) have become dominant businesses in the wire-line telecommunications marketplace and are seeking to maintain that dominance illegally in the wireless market. We need 700 MHz interoperability rules to help protect, promote and usher in more competition to the wireless market and for a wireless divestiture of these companies to occur. Verizon Communications which later bought MCI (Verizon MCI Merger) and is a part owner of Verizon Wireless should be required to divest its ownership stake in Verizon Wireless and AT&T Inc., should be required to divest its wireless business AT&T Mobility (formerly AT&T Wireless).