

I have been told that Verizon seeks additional monopoly powers from the FCC. Secretively, Verizon is said to be working with the FCC to increase their power over an already uncompetitive and shallow marketplace. As of today, for me as an individual, Verizon harasses and abuses its customer (myself).

I have been harassed by Verizon many times. Once or twice a day for more than a month Verizon has phoned me with the same sales telephone call to my FIOS connected hard wired telephone. My phone, although capable of hardware blocking calls, cannot block this type. Thirty to sixty repetitive, unblockable, sales calls per month from Verizon. Over and over again and again, Verizon seeks the 'triple play". I only have phone and internet, but no TV. Their national channel lineup, no matter what 'tier' pricing, is from my viewpoint - heavily censored. Instead, in Arlington Virginia, I use a physical rabbit ear antenna to receive 28 channels, including MHz networks. Channels such as NHK (Japan), France24, RT and others that are not carried by Verizon nationally. I am very lucky indeed, I can pick up the local MHz networks station, over the air and for free!

I am abused by Verizon also. Although I do like the 'Fiber Optic Service' hardware, Verizon pricing currently abuses its essentially monopolistic position in the market place. I have noticed that internet service in many other industrial countries is far lower in cost than Verizon and the connection speed is higher.

Commissioners of the FCC: You are employed to protect the interests of the consumer (natural born people and taxpayers). Please DO NOT give Verizon anymore ability to increase pricing, harass their customers, and lower the quality of service. In my opinion, the FCC should seek to increase competition.

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