

The U.S. Justice Department made a mistake 2 years ago in approving of Verizon Wireless's sweetheart deal with Big Cable to divide markets by network technology. Verizon's decision to stop competing with cable companies by discontinuing expansion of Verizon Communications FiOS fiber based broadband Internet service and for Verizon Wireless stores to resell cable service and vice versa was flat out anti competitive.

Furthermore, the cable industry needs more competition and for cable companies to be allowed to limit competition and then claim mergers like Comcast TWC don't weaken competition because they don't compete in the same territories is absurd. As a matter of fact the merger would give Comcast way too much influence over the Internet (the future of our media - taxpayers paid for the Internet and demand it remain open and neutral) and pay TV. Not only SHOULD COMCAST TWC BE DENIED but THE TWO COMPANIES SHOULD BE FORCED TO COMPETE!

Stop allowing cable companies to divide up regions and avoid competition by staying out of each other's territory. In most localities you only get 2 choices of broadband if any - 1 cable company and 1 phone company supplying DSL. Both have their fair share of problems.

When the DOJ conditionally approved the Verizon SpectrumCo transaction including the JOE it did so with oversight requirements and stated after 2-3 years it would review the deal again. I urge the DOJ which has the power to challenge this deal to reverse its earlier decision and oppose the JOE. This deal is resulting in an oligopoly.