

Verizon and an assortment of cable companies are working on an agreement to stop competing with each other. **The complicated set of deals to divide the market between wireless and wired could impact the way you watch video, access the internet, and use your phone.**

After failing to successfully enter the wireless market, the cable companies want to sell Verizon their spectrum. But that's just the start; the companies are also proposing to **exclusively market each other's products and develop new technologies to lock out the competition.**

Public Knowledge and others have sounded the alarm on their plan to jointly develop new technologies, **bringing the patent wars to online video.** The companies have started to make significant concessions, but the fight isn't over.

With less competition, consumers like me will pay the price.