

Despite all the empty promises Comcast is making if it is allowed to merge with TWC of new efficiencies – being able to provide better network rollout (this sounds oddly familiar doesn't it – that's because AT&T made similar arguments for its ill fated T-Mobile merger which thankfully was blocked). In any case what good are these network improvements if no one can afford such services. A combined Comcast TWC would have significant monopoly power to raise prices. In fact Comcast has told the press the merger will neither result in reduced prices or a decline in the rate of growing price increases. It is ludicrous that Comcast and TWC don't compete and justifying this merger as within the public interest by saying it won't reduce competition is on its face absurd. Not only should this merger not happen but the two giants both ranked poorly by consumers should be forced to compete.

Direct comments from fellow critics of Comcast TWC: Where the hell are Comcast getting 18 other competitors in Chicagoland area. Only 3 I know of are AT&T, RCN, and WOW that compete directly with them. Where are the other 18? Comcast is full of crap. Their application for the merger, blog posting about why the merger is good and public interest filing citing competitors is full of hot air. Comcast is including cellular carriers with data plans in its paperwork suggesting it has plenty of competition. However: Cell carriers aren't direct competition for Comcast. They don't provide cable TV service. That's why AT&T has U-Verse to go along with their cell business. Also, I don't know of any smaller ISP's in this area. It's Comcast, RCN, AT&T U-Verse, or WOW. That's it and depending on where you are, you are still stuck with only Comcast in the Chicagoland area.

This merger is just as crazy as the monopoly that AT&T had on America previous to 1982. No innovation, no creativity and totally anti-consumer. Thank goodness for Judge Harold Greene. Americans can now own our own landline phones with advanced tech features! Never would have happened if AT&T was still a virtual monopoly.

We have an FCC, an FTC and an anti-trust department of the Justice Department. If they're acting in the American interest, none of these agencies will allow the merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable. I think the presidents of Comcast & TWC have their head in the sand if they think this merger has any chance at success. But they obviously publicly keep

believing their merger will happen. I can't fathom why.

Their merger is anti-competitive and anti-consumer. Why intelligent men think otherwise is beyond my understanding. If I were on their boards of directors, I'd fire the presidents of Comcast & TWC for being idiots.

Let's call this what it is. Comcast and Time Warner Cable are scared sh*tless that Google Fiber will pick up steam and force them to compete. So instead of a future where they get into a price war with each other and google, they're joining forces and will try to muscle google out all together.

If they're allowed to join I guarantee we'll see them try to orchestrate ways to bar Google from the bigger markets.