

To whom may it concern.

Please deny AT&T's attempt to buy DirecTV or at least until AT&T delivers what they have promised in past acquisitions Bell south and others come into my mind.

I live in McAllen TX (78501) and AT&T's quality and service is nonexistent. Our area have been neglected for many decades and the state of AT&T's infrastructure is in terrible shape. I have been documenting AT&T's upgrades since the mid 1990's when I first upgraded from dial-up to ISDN (GTE then Southwestern bell and later SBC) and later to ADSL. In 2000 I subscribed to what it was called then 'enhanced static ADSL' which was 6000Mbps/384Kbps, yes 6Mbps in 2000. If I wanted to get ADSL today the fastest I could get from AT&T is 3Mbps so basically it is a 50% decrease of what I had in 2000.

Over the years AT&T's infrastructure have declined to the point that today it is basically a joke. As a hobby and tech enthusiast I have documented this process in my blog <http://adslm.dohrenburg.net>

Please note and pay special attention to the condition of the telephone lines and cabinets, some of the cabinets are in such condition that the inside is exposed to the elements making it hard to maintain a dry clean environment. As a matter of fact every time it rains the commercial property just across the ally suffer from phone problems and AT&T trucks come and dig and dig new trenches. The phone lines are tied with rags and the open boxes are covered with black garbage bags.

Is this the type of company that the US government is going to allow to buy a direct competitor? What promises is AT&T making to get their way? Who will enforce and make sure those promises will be honored?

I'm sorry but if AT&T's past history is an indication there is no guarantees that what AT&T will honor those promises.

Allowing AT&T to buy DirecTV and eliminate a direct competitor is a big mistake.

I urge regulators to block this bad for consumers deal.

Thank you.  
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