

I wish to express my opposition to the proposed merger of Comcast with ATT. Some years ago ATT was dissolved for the very reason that this merger would create. Comcast is a company which has already attempted to stifle competition. This became evident in the Philadelphia market when it provided a report critical of RCN, a cable company attempting to enter the area. The report was given to members of the Philadelphia City Council with the knowledge of Comcast officials who knew that the hearing were to be impartial. It was akin to a remark made in a courtroom where a judge would order the remark stricken and instruct the jury to disavow hearing it. Additionally, Comcast has continually bragged about its efficient and profitable operations. While it may be run efficiently its rates are among the highest in the nation. Its net income to revenue has been shown to be above 40% which is unheard of in a regulated industry. With its executives earning enormous salaries and stock options it is no wonder its rates are almost double some of its competitors. RCN had begun a two year request to offer competition in Philadelphia but it was stymied by the efforts of the Roberts family. My information can be researched from articles written in the Philadelphia Inquirer over the last two years.

Sincerely,

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