

PETER A. DeFAZIO  
4th District, Oregon  
RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
SUBCOMMITTEE  
WATER AND POWER RESOURCES  
TRANSPORTATION AND  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
SUBCOMMITTEE  
AVIATION  
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

- PLEASE RESPOND TO:
- 2134 Rayburn House Off. Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20515-3704  
(202) 225-6416
  - 151 West 7th Ave, #400  
Eugene, OR 97401-2649  
(541) 465-6732  
1-800-944-6000
  - P.O. Box 1907  
Cannon Beach, OR 97105-8303  
(541) 399-3808
  - P.O. Box 2460  
Roseburg, OR 97470-0511  
(541) 449-2523
  - Peter.DeFazio@mail.house.gov

September 11, 2000

William E. Kennard, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Room 8-B201H  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing in opposition to the proposed Telekom-VoiceStream merger. I have serious concerns about the merger of the companies for both anti-competitive and national security reasons.

I have serious concerns about the merger of these companies. These two companies are giants in their respective markets. Telekom, a German monopoly which was protected by government as it grew, is looking to access 23 of the top 25 US markets in which VoiceStream is licensed. Aside from my concerns about the potential anti-competitive nature of the consolidation, there are serious national security issues associated with this proposal that need to be addressed. Deutsche Telekom was once a government owned company and, although it has been privatized, the German government still holds 57 percent of its stock. After the merger, this share would be reduced to 45 percent. However, this remains significant and could give the German government inappropriate influence in the United States.

Again I urge you to oppose the proposed Telekom-VoiceStream merger.

Sincerely,

PETER DeFAZIO  
Member of Congress

SEP 26 12 53 PM '00