



*NHMC Pleased with Growing Skepticism from Overseers of AT&T/T-Mobile Deal  
Judge Grills AT&T as DOJ Questions Timeliness of Case*

WASHINGTON, DC -- (NHMC – Dec 9, 2011) -- Today, at a hearing in Washington, DC, and in another blow to AT&T, the Department of Justice informed the court that it would seek to withdraw or postpone its anti-trust case against AT&T in light of AT&T's withdrawal of its merger application from the Federal Communications Commission.

According to the DOJ, because AT&T no longer has a merger application pending before the FCC, there is a question as to whether there is any deal pending at all. Throughout the hearing, Judge Huvelle expressed skepticism concerning what she described as AT&T's "presumptuous" arguments and public statements.

"It appears that AT&T's attempts to game the system have finally caught up with it, and now the deal is perilously close to demise. I am pleased that the DOJ, the FCC and now the court have overlooked AT&T's PR campaign to examine the facts. And the facts are indisputable – an AT&T/T-Mobile combination would threaten competition, prices and American jobs, and these harms would be felt most heavily by the poor and people of color," said Jessica J. Gonzalez, Vice President of Policy & Legal Affairs at NHMC.

**Resource:**

NHMC has produced an [educational video](http://nhmc.org/content/nhmc-speaks-out-against-att-takeover) explaining how AT&T's takeover of T-Mobile would harm Latino consumers: <http://nhmc.org/content/nhmc-speaks-out-against-att-takeover>

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The [National Hispanic Media Coalition](http://nhmc.org) is a non-partisan, non-profit, media advocacy and civil rights organization established in 1986 in Los Angeles, California. Its mission is to improve the image of American Latinos as portrayed by the media, increase the number of American Latinos employed in all facets of the media and telecommunications industries, and advocate for media and telecommunications policies that benefit Latinos and other people of color.

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