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Hawaii Attorney General Announces Agreement with T-Mobile/Sprint Merger

HONOLULU – Hawaii Attorney General Clare E. Connors today announced a settlement agreement with T-Mobile on behalf of a 12-state coalition. This agreement resolves the state’s challenge to the company’s merger with Sprint, and includes terms to resolve Hawaii’s concerns over pricing and to protect current T-Mobile and Sprint employees in Hawaii. T-Mobile will reimburse Hawaii for the costs and fees of its investigation and its litigation challenging the merger. As a result, Hawaii has agreed to not appeal the judgment.

“The merger raised significant concerns about the prospect of harm to consumers, and this settlement provides assurances of low prices by T-Mobile,” said Attorney General Connors. “The district court approved the merger and signaled its belief that DISH will rise to replace Sprint as a fourth competitor. We will be watching to ensure that DISH lives up to its commitments on network buildout.”

As required by the settlement, the merged company is required to:

- Make low-cost plans available in Hawaii for at least 5 years, including a plan offering 2 GB of high-speed data at \$15 per month and 5 GB of high-speed data at \$25 per month;
- Extend for at least an additional two years the rate plans offered by T-Mobile and Sprint pursuant to its earlier FCC commitment, ensuring Hawaii consumers can retain T-Mobile plans held in February 2019 for a total of five years;
- Protect Hawaii jobs by offering all Hawaii T-Mobile and Sprint retail employees in good standing an offer of substantially similar employment.
- Reimburse the coalition of states up to \$15 million for the costs of the investigation and litigation challenging the merger.

The states involved in this settlement were Wisconsin, Connecticut, Hawaii, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

In June 2019, a coalition of states filed a lawsuit to halt the proposed merger of T-Mobile and Sprint in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. In February 2020, the court entered a judgment in favor of the companies. This coalition of states will not appeal the decision of the Southern District Court of New York.

A copy of the agreement can be found [here](#).

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