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## **T-Mobile says Sprint and fixed 5G will let it challenge cable companies**

By Jeremy Horwitz, VentureBeat

Ignore T-Mobile CTO Neville Ray's earlier statements on the "double yawn" concept of using 5G wireless technology to replace cable-based broadband and TV services. Now that a merger with Sprint is in the works, T-Mobile is actively looking at so-called "fixed 5G" as a way to challenge wired internet and TV providers across the country, following Verizon's earlier "and derided" decision to do the same for its 5G rollout in 2018.

What's changed, T-Mobile's Mike Sievert said during an earnings call with analysts, is the combined strength of T-Mobile's 600MHz and Sprint's 2.5GHz 5G network resources following a merger. While initial speeds may be slow, Sievert expects that their combined 5G speed will hit 450 megabits per second (Mbps) within the company's planning horizon, and claims that will be the national average, not just in specific areas served by millimeter wave small cells.

If the 450Mbps number is accurate, it converts to just over 56 megabytes per second (MBps), which Sievert described as "way higher than most people get in their home broadband today." He noted that the broadband market is currently underserved due to a lack of competition, as 53 percent of broadband customers have only one choice. T-Mobile now sees fixed 5G as an opportunity that could be exploited on the internet side, as well as on the TV side thanks to its recent acquisition of Layer3 TV.

Though T-Mobile has committed to building a "mobile 5G" network focused on supplying smartphones and other mobile devices with wireless service, it's not difficult to add fixed 5G hardware that remains tethered in homes. Samsung already has fixed 5G "consumer premises equipment" ready to go, and rival Inseego will similarly have a Novatel-branded alternative available by the time T-Mobile's network launches in 2019.

Bringing 5G wireless services directly into homes could do more than just improve TV and internet service. Next-generation standalone VR headsets and game consoles are expected to leverage low-latency, high-bandwidth 5G connections to stream immersive 3D video content to tiny screens. Customers could also combine their previously separate smartphone and home broadband packages to save money on necessary services.

There are obviously a few big "ifs" here: T-Mobile still has to complete its deal with Sprint, launch its 5G network, and get that network up to a competitive performance level in historically underserved areas. It also remains to be seen when and how the cable companies will respond; they could ratchet up the performance of their wired networks to give consumers better speeds, or expand their cabling to reach more homes. In any case, it's fair to assume that increased broadband service competition from both cable and wireless providers will be great for consumers over the next couple of years.

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**T-Mobile's 5G Argument to Regulators Is Compelling**

By Jennifer Saba, The New York Times

John Legere, the chief executive of T-Mobile, believes in second chances. And he has a point. Mr. Legere said if regulators allow T-Mobile's nearly \$26.5 billion acquisition of Sprint—a deal they opposed in the past—it will help the United States lead in wireless technology. The rationale this time is compelling.

As the third- and fourth-biggest mobile companies in the United States by subscribers, T-Mobile and Sprint have a problem. The American government wants the country to be a leader in 5G technology, but for anything but the biggest of operators, that's a challenge—if it's doable at all. Together, their chances of completing a nationwide network are much higher.

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The enlarged T-Mobile would put some \$40 billion behind the effort over three years, Mr. Legere said. That will be partially funded by \$6 billion of annual cost savings and a pledge not to direct the bounty toward buybacks or dividends.

The investment would dramatically boost the industry's levels of capital expenditure. The larger rivals AT&T and Verizon, which are competing to be leaders in 5G, dedicated approximately \$22 billion and \$17 billion to network investments last year. T-Mobile and Sprint together mustered just \$6 billion, according to Eikon data. And 5G is an expensive endeavor. New Street Research estimated that Verizon will spend \$35 billion over the next five years to cover just 20 percent of the country. The cost ratchets up significantly to expand beyond that, the research firm said.

Mr. Legere is pitching a plan that by concentrating on 5G, T-Mobile will induce his competitors to follow suit aggressively. He started a price war some six years ago that left AT&T and Verizon little choice but to copy T-Mobile's moves. T-Mobile and Sprint also have complimentary spectrum that when slammed together would help improve coverage in urban, suburban and rural areas.

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Will this pass muster with regulators? Much depends on whether consumers end up paying more. But that could happen even without a deal, since Sprint is severely hobbled. The risk, of course, is that Mr. Legere doesn't stick to his word, and a merged company becomes bigger and more complacent.

But if Mr. Legere's previous commitment to a mobile price war is an indicator, consumers may end up better off with this deal than without it.

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