Next - Generation Networks Challenges and Opportunities of Convergence



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Verizon Overview - Nationwide Presence in a Fragmented US Market



Transforming Verizon Through Investment in Next-Generation Networks and Services

Wireline: Fiber to the premise

- ↗ 3 million homes passed by end of 2005
- ↗ Now in 14 states
- Wireless: 3G broadband
- Services and Integration
 - ↗ To deliver the greatest possible value to consumers
- 🗏 In rural areas
 - → WiMax In Grundy, Virginia and other communities
 - Partnership between Verizon Avenue, local government, and Alvarion

FTTP Full Build & Overlay Architectures





Verizon Fios Wireline Broadband Access

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*Actual (throughpui) speeds will vary. Learn more about service speeds.



Fios TV

Rollout later in 2005

• Will begin with:

200 channels of video

1800 choices for video on demand

Easy interface

Parental control

Will add:

Full interactivity

Two-way video

Integrated shopping (T-commerce)

Verizon Wireless High-Speed Internet Access



Verizon 3G Wireless Broadband

- Verizon is US market leader in 3G rollout
- Available today to 75 million people in 32 cities
 - 150 million people by end of 2005
- CDMA technology EV-DO
- Card for laptop provides BB Internet access
 Unlimited nationwide usage \$79.95 per month



Pricing of VCAST Service



- Partners include Comedy Central, MTV, News Corp, 20th Century Fox
- NBC News tailored for mobile
- Exclusive mini-episodes of popular TV shows
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VerizonOne Concept 2-way Multimedia Communication



Access Point - Client

• **iobi desktop client** allows users to manage their communications from their PC

- Most convenient access point from your office or home PC
- Send SMS or e-mails with a mouse click
- View your weather information



Service Control



Policies For <u>Next-Generation Infrastructure</u>

United States: Platform competition

Competition among wireline, cable, 3G wireless, others

Product differentiation

- Elimination of unbundling for new networks
- Elimination of line sharing
- Tradeoffs in policy between market opening and investment – one wire or many?
- Connectivity principles to ensure that third-party applications can compete

Connectivity Principles

Developed by a coalition of high-tech companies

- → Proposed to FCC in 2003
- Adopted by FCC as principles
- ↗ No ex ante regulation to enforce principles
- Ensure that bits are not blocked
 - ↗ Broadband customer can access any site, run any application
- In world where applications are not tied to networks, principles ensure open market for service applications
- Market for Integration
 - Customer chooses how much integration to buy, and from whom

Policy Challenge: Franchising

In the US market, each platform has developed a legal basis for the placement of facilities:

- → Wireless: Cell towers
- Telephone: State franchising, compensation to municipalities for local rights-of-way
- Cable: Local franchising
- Satellite: Has never required local franchise
- As fiber platform provides video, will new franchising requirements apply?
- Potentially significant barrier to entry
 - ↗ More than 30,000 local franchising authorities

Policy Challenge: Rights to Content

In the US market, only 13% of households obtain their video via broadcast

"Balance of terror"

Cable and broadcast need one another

↗ "Must carry" vs re-transmission

Terrestrial vs satellite

Commercial negotiation is working

Verizon has been able to negotiate for video rights

Other content: music, games, and more

↗ Opportunities for new business models

Policy Challenge: Rights to Content

Verizon has already signed agreements with many rights holders, including:

- ↗ NBC Universal Cable (10 networks, including HDTV)
- → Showtime (11 networks)
- → Starz (13 networks)
- ↗ Discovery (14 networks)
- A&E (7 networks)
- ↗ NFL Network (24 hour American football)
- → Goal/TV (Bilingual soccer)
- → Varsity TV (programming for teenagers)
- ↗ Gospel Music Channel
- ↗ Soundtrack Channel
- → SiTV (Latino community)

Policy Challenge: Commercial agreements among networks

Legacy markets:

- ↗ One-dimensional
- ↗ In many cases, regulated

Next-generation markets:

- Multi-dimensional
 - Circuit-switched interconnection
 - IP interconnection
 - Coordination at service layer
 - Content
 - Reach, customers
 - Capabilities
- ↗ Less market power, more opportunities for gains from trade
- Current Internet agreements provide example
 - ↗ No supervision, functioning market, universal connectivity

Policy Challenges of Convergence

- Competition among newly substitutable platforms, services
- Need for symmetry across platforms
 - Example: In US, DSL contributes to USO, cable modem does not
 - No economic regulation where convergence reduces market power
- Non-economic regulation
 - Resist temptation to regulate up for the sake of symmetry
 - Circumstances that justified previous regulation may no longer apply
 - ↗ Limited channels, use of airwaves
 - Where legacy regulation persists, may need to tolerate some asymmetry
 - Importance of investment, innovation
 - Targeted, symmetric requirements to meet social policy goals
 - Emergency services, security, universal service
- If it quacks like a duck, it may be a canard