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Everything Everywhere should be granted a licence to operate LTE and Wimax technology. On terms of competition, this should be dismissed as in theory, Everything Everywhere is not really one big company, it is part owned between France Telecom and Deutsche Telekom and still use there own corporate brands, which means it is actually like having 2 seperate service providers, Everything Everywhere as a company probably finds it much more economical to buy licences and roll out technology as well as much more time efficient as the two owners of the company will probably go 50/50 on investments such as the roll out of 4G and wimax. Nevertheless, Virgin Media also uses Everything Everywhere and I suppose they will want to use Everything Everywhere's 4G and wimax network for there mobile phone customers too, so all in all Orange,T-Mobile and Virgin Media customers will be able to benefit from such services. Also, Everything Everywhere has a 50% ownership in MBNL which is partly owned by Hutchison 3G

UK, if this licence covers MBNL, then 3 customers will also be able to benefit therefore approximately 35 million potential customers out of Orange, T-Mobile, Virgin Media and 3 mobile customers will be able to benefit from such a roll out. Everything Everywhere had plans to work with BT in some rural areas to trial 4G/wimax services, it is unclear as to what this deal means for BT customers and if this is still the case. I've also heard that Virgin Media itself has been trialling 4G/wimax and maybe become a possible bidder for a 4G/wimax licence of its own, so it is unclear whether Virgin Mobile customers will be using Virgin Media's own service or whether they will be leasing Everything Everywheres service. However, it is quite clear that Everything Everywhere are very keen and striving to offer this service to customers on national widescale basis and are willing to invest heavily into 4G/wimax technology throughout the country, O2, Vodafone and 3 do not seem to be publicly announcing plans or be showing any serious ambition into 4G/wimax rollout and do not seem why Ofcom should not give Everything Everywhere a licence to rollout 4G/wimax even if it means there will be a short term monopoly. Most technology and services generally start as a monopoly or duopoly, 3G for example, this was more or less a monopoly when 3 launched its service in 2003, Digital Mobile phones were a short term monopoly when Mercury One2One launched in 1993 and Cable companies, in this case has always been a monopoly although the telephone service faced competition with BT and Mercury in the early 90's. With Vodafone's intention to acquire Cable and Wireless Worldwide, I suppose they could be doing this in order to have more network infrastructure to provide 4G/wimax in the future which indicates they are preparing for it which means if ever Everything Everywhere is to launch any 4G/wimax services nationally, the monopoly won't be for very long. Certain conditions should be given to Everything Everywhere whilst it is operating during a monopoly, this could be enforcing it to offer Hutchison 3G, BT and Virgin Media the use of its network at reasonable and affordable costs and not at prices where Hutchison 3G, BT and Virgin Media are unable to make a profit or where high prices leave 3, BT and Virgin Media customers paying excessive prices for 4G/wimax services. In conclusion, a licence and permission should be granted to Everything Everywhere as soon as possible as withholding it is keeping the UK from moving forwards.