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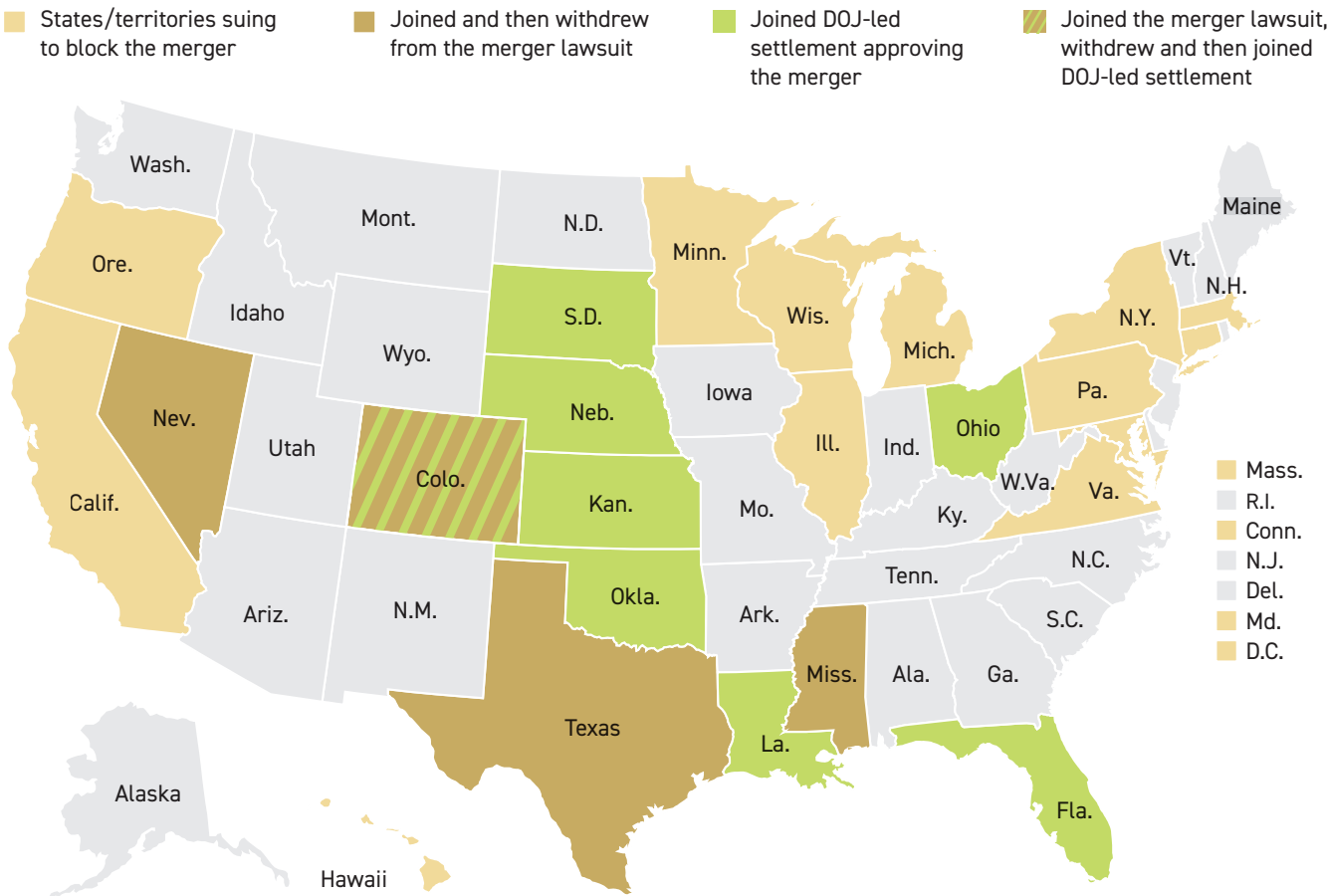
States still suing to block T-Mobile/Sprint merger

As of Nov. 25, 14 attorneys general nationwide, led by the AGs of New York and California, are still challenging the \$26 billion merger of telecommunications giants T-Mobile and Sprint, arguing that the union would reduce wireless choices for consumers and lead to higher prices. Texas and Nevada have now joined Colorado and Mississippi as states who originally joined the lawsuit but dropped out after getting commitments on 5G network service from DISH and T-Mobile. DISH has a side deal to buy assets to form a new nationwide wireless network, an arrangement struck to get federal sign off on the broader T-Mobile-Sprint merger.

Eight states, including Colorado, have joined the DOJ on a settlement supporting the megamerger, which they have said will boost high-speed connectivity to rural households.

T-Mobile US and Sprint Corporation are the third- and fourth-largest mobile wireless networks nationwide and are the lower-cost carriers among the “Big Four,” which also includes Verizon Wireless and AT&T.

Opposition and support for the T-Mobile-Sprint merger



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