

Feds pledge tough review of Comcast-NBC deal

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(AP) -- Federal regulators are pledging a rigorous review of the proposed combination of Comcast Corp. and NBC Universal.

Christine Varney, head of the Justice Department's antitrust division, and Julius Genachowski, chairman of the [Federal Communications Commission](#), said their agencies will examine the transaction closely to ensure the deal does not stifle competition or harm consumers. Varney and Genachowski made their comments at a Senate Commerce Committee hearing Thursday.

[Comcast](#), the nation's largest cable company, is seeking approval to acquire a 51 percent stake in NBC Universal from [General Electric](#) Co. The Justice Department and the FCC are expected to approve the combination with conditions attached. But the review could last at least all year.

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