

Clearwire to tap into \$80M financing from Sprint

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(AP)—Clearwire says it will tap into \$80 million in financing from Sprint, putting a hurdle in the way of a possible sale of the wireless network operator to Dish.

Bellevue, Wash.-based [Clearwire](#) has received buyout offers from both Sprint and Dish. In December, it agreed to a deal with [Sprint Nextel](#) Corp. that offered \$2.2 billion for the 49 percent of Clearwire that Sprint doesn't already own. Then [Dish Network](#) Corp. bid about \$5.15 billion for Clearwire in January.

As part of Sprint's deal, the wireless carrier had agreed to provide Clearwire with up to \$800 million in financing—notes that could give Sprint a bigger stake if they were converted to stock.

Clearwire has said that if it used the Sprint financing, Dish would likely withdraw its offer.

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