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Since 2005, Verizon has spun-off assets, employees, retirees, pensions and benefits to four different companies. Of these companies, three quickly went bankrupt and the fourth has seen its stock drop over 50% since the transfer of assets. Most lately, Verizon CEO Lowell McAdam has discussed plans to abandon its wireline business in favor of wireless. Below is a time line of the last seven years of carnage related to Verizon spin-offs.

- **May 2005** – Verizon sells its Hawaii landlines to Carlyle Group, (Hawaii Telcom)
- **October 18, 2006** - Verizon quickly announces intention to spin-off its Yellow Pages Business
- **November 16, 2006** – Verizon quickly spins-off Yellow Pages business into a new company it created, Idearc.
- **January 2007** – Thousands of Verizon retirees receive notice they along with and their earned pensions and benefits were spun off to Idearc, a company retirees' never ever worked for.
- **March 31, 2008** - Verizon sells landlines in three New England states (Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont) to FairPoint Communications for \$2.3 billion.
- **December 2008** – Hawaii Telecom files for Bankruptcy (3 ½ years post sale)
- **February 4, 2009** – Verizon retirees exiled to Idearc file an administrative claim with the federal court against the involuntary transfer of their pensions and benefits to a company destined to fail.
- **March 31, 2009** –Idearc declares bankruptcy (2 ½ years post sale)
- **October 2009**- One more Verizon spin-off, Fairpoint files for bankruptcy (1 ½ years post sale)
- **December 31, 2009** – Idearc changes name to SuperMedia and emerges from bankruptcy
- **July 1, 2010** - Verizon spins-off 7 million rural customer accounts in 14 different states (Arizona, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin and California) for \$8.6 billion to Frontier Communications (Stock price \$7.69)
- **December 2, 2010** – Verizon retirees file federal class action lawsuit vs. Verizon and Super Media (Murphy V. Verizon)
- **March 3, 2011** –Federal Court grants Retirees Class Action Status to Murphy V. Verizon

- **June 27, 2012** - Idearc cancels earned health benefits for retirees effective 9/1/2012, the day before U.S. Supreme Court set to rule on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
- **June 28, 2012** - U.S. Supreme Court affirms Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
- **July 17, 2012** - At Guggenheim Securities Symposium, Verizon Chair/ CEO Lowell McAdam announces that as soon as regulators allow, Verizon will abandon its rural phone network (DSL) in favor of expanding and investing into the wireless network in rural areas. 18 million customers to be impacted.
- **July 23, 2012** – Mirroring spiral of past Verizon asset spin-offs Frontier Communication Stock continues to drop more than 50% (\$3.67) since the July 2010 spin-off.