

## **Dvorkovich on Commission?**

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It appears that decisions on the allocation of frequencies to cellular communications operators will be made by Deputy Prime Minister Arkady Dvorkovich, Vedomosti reported Thursday, citing a source close to the shareholders of a telecom operator.

Introducing new Communications and Press Minister Nikolai Nikiforov to the ministerial staff, Dvorkovich said, "[Go] to him in all matters; on frequencies, [come] to me," according to the source.

Under the law on communication, the State Commission for Radio Frequencies is part of the communications ministry and is headed by the communications minister. A government decree would be necessary to make Dvorkovich head of the commission.

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