

Elon Musk is interfering with Apple's development of its own satellites for iPhone.

Elon Musk, the head of *SpaceX*, has become an obstacle to Apple's ambitions. His company has already launched more than 550 satellites for its *Starlink* network through *T-Mobile*.

Now, both companies are fighting over the right to use a limited radio frequency spectrum—a crucial resource for transmitting satellite data. According to *WSJ*, *SpaceX* is pressuring U.S. regulators to freeze the expansion of the *Globalstar* satellite network, which is funded by *Apple*.

In response, *Apple* entered negotiations to integrate *Starlink* support into *iPhone*, with the service expected to debut this summer. However, *Tim Cook*'s company still maintains strict control over its ecosystem, preventing third-party services from integrating without its direct involvement.

Musk sought a broader partnership with *Apple*, but a full agreement to integrate *Starlink* into *iOS* never materialized. The conflict escalated after *Apple* invested more than \$1 billion last year in developing *Globalstar* satellites.

In response, *SpaceX* filed a request with the *FCC*, arguing that the radio frequencies used by *Apple* are "underutilized."