

Dear Mr. Dennis Johnson,

I'm concerned that two out of three main submarine fiber-optic cables that link Oahu with the neighbor islands are reaching the end of their lives in 2019 and 2022.

One of the cables is owned outright by Hawaiian Telcom, and the other is co-owned by Hawaiian Telcom and L-3 Communications. What is Cincinnati Bell's plans regarding these fiber-optic cables? Will they be willing outlay the capital to replace one, or both, of these submarine fiber-optic cables when they reach their EOL?

There is a strong need for more and more bandwidth to access the Internet. These fiber-optic cables do not support modern standards, which has resulted in Hawaiian Telcom spending money on costly upgrades. The ages of these cables also could mean more outages and overall unreliability. These issues should be brought up as this merger approval process proceeds.

<http://www.civilbeat.org/2017/08/will-hawaii-deal-with-its-aging-fiber-optic-cables/>

Sincerely,
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