

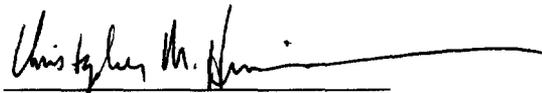
In addition, as Time Warner observes, forcing an incumbent to share its home run wiring could limit its ability to expand its bandwidth, and, therefore, the services it can support. This problem would be compounded if an incumbent must permit multiple alternate providers to share its wire.

Thus, while it still does not object, in principle, to mandatory shared use of home run wiring, based on the record in this proceeding, Ameritech believes that the Commission should not mandate such use at this time.

VI. Conclusion

For the reasons discussed above, Ameritech believes that the Commission has ample authority to, and should, prohibit exclusive service contracts between MVPDs and MDU owners. If the Commission nevertheless decides to permit exclusive service contracts for MDUs, it should strictly limit the duration of such exclusivity to the minimum period necessary to permit MVPDs to recover their investment costs. In order to ensure that the Commission's rules are competitively neutral, the Commission should apply its cable home wiring rules and inside wire rules uniformly to all MVPDs. Finally, the Commission should not mandate simultaneous use of home run wiring by multiple MVPDs at this time.

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