



December 2, 2015

Chairman Tom Wheeler
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Competition in the Broadband Market

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

I am writing to you as a small business owner that relies on access to broadband service and whose clients rely a great deal on fast, reliable broadband services. As a firm that provides application development and integration services, I witness on a daily basis the importance of having competition in the broadband market – especially in what is called the “special access” space. Whether it’s a hospital or one of our one of our local universities, a large company or small business, a competitive market that provides dependable and affordable broadband connection is very important to our regional and state’s economy.

As you probably know, “special access” lines connect consumers to the businesses, institutions, and services we all interact with on a daily basis. In addition, a vast majority of these important lines are controlled by just two companies – Verizon and AT&T. When competition is limited, the companies controlling these lines are able to charge exorbitant fees to those who use these lines. There simply is not enough competition at this point in the infrastructure of broadband to protect consumers from steep pricing or anticompetitive terms in contracts.

I hope you will do what you can to encourage the Federal Communications Commission to act responsibly and do what is necessary to foster an open and competitive broadband market, especially when it comes to the area of “special access”.

Respectfully,


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