

As a small business owner and local ISP in Colorado Springs I am very much interested in these proceedings. There is no question that broadband Internet access is vital to the future growth of America's economy. All that remains to be answered is who will provide it and how, and who will ultimately foot the bill.

Anti-competitive practices by ILECS have gotten us behind in implementation of broadband "last mile access." Competition is and always has been the answer, not protectionism and subsidies funded by the taxpayer.

It is vital that the phone networks built by the American people and handed to the RBOCs remain open for the use of the CLECs and other businesses to compete in offering broadband alternatives and ultimately furthering the goal of high speed information delivery to the American people.