

I am surprised the FCC is considering such a ruling. There has been adequate press coverage to demonstrate the activity of organizations throughout the USA delivering wireless broadband internet access to rural homes and businesses. This is a task the government and the FCC have been working towards for some time. Now as it begins to burgeon and demonstrate a cost effective way to deploy this access, the FCC is about to inadvertently damage the very group who the FCC should be supporting. I do not believe for one minute that the FCC is working with the ILEC's in this matter. I do believe the FCC like many others have not recognized the value of the many organizations within the wireless broadband industry. I challenge the FCC not to penalize us but to work with us in helping to deliver broadband access to the market. The ILEC's are not the enemy, however, this proceeding places them in that role. The current fund administered by the ILEC's has not been effective, history has demonstrated that. Rather than implementing a tax and throwing more money at something, which clearly does not work, lets find a better way. I for one would be happy to work with the FCC in achieving a fair, and equitable way of delivering broadband access to the community. One of the main reasons the fund was created in the first place was to help and encourage the ILEC's to provide rural access. The infrastructure used by the ILEC's to do this is not cost effective, and therefore they rightly have not done so. Their shareholders would have justifiably criticized them. If the FCC still believes this fund is appropriate, then the WISP's (Wireless Internet Service Providers) should also be receiving this fund and managing it accordingly. We are using on own and investors money to deploy the very access that the fund was intended for.