

Dear FCC Commissioners & Staff:

I get home DSL data service from Pacific Bell. There were other providers, but they have almost all gone out of business. So the only provider is now Pacific Bell.

We need more competition to force providers (including Pacific Bell) to provide better service at lower prices. Not less.

Pacific Bell dominates the DSL service because they own the wires between my home and the Central Office. Competing providers have to buy that service from them. Pacific Bell gets paid no matter whom I get my DSL service from, but without competition from competitive carriers they could just charge whatever they want.

There is no reason for them to give better service, or to lower prices. And here in California we are paying the highest telecommunications rates in the world, whether you are referring to DSL, telephone, data services, or cellular service. It is the highest.

Don't do anything to allow less competition in these services. Doing so will stifle the growth of business and affect our economy profoundly.

Sincerely,

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