

Dear FCC Commissioners & Staff:

My name is Doug Quebbeman, and I am writing to you regarding your reconsideration of the rules that require telephone companies to provide ISPs access to the public switched phone network.

Removal of these requirements would be a grave mistake- it would have the effect of putting my local ISP out of business. While it might seem reasonable to suggest that I simply give my business to one of the large, nationwide ISPs, not even one of them offers the product which I rely on daily from my local ISP.

That product is referred to as SHELL ACCESS. My local ISP uses UNIX-based systems to provide service to its customers. As a professional in the field of Information Technology, I would not be able to make any effective use out of the Internet in support of my profession without having this SHELL ACCESS.

Additionally, while the new rules might speed the deployment of DSL service, it would only do so by providing DSL from a source that would not be either adequate or appropriate for my needs- a local telephone company.

To date, there exists no local competition to the local telephone company. As a result, that telephone company has been the source of countless service reliability problems which in the end require action by the Indiana Regulatory Commission. Were I only able to obtain DSL service from the local telephone company, I simply would not subscribe to it. I cannot take the chance of becoming dependent on a technology provided by a demonstrably unreliably company.

Only competition by small firms can provide the market pressure that forces larger ISPs to roll out quality as well as quantity.

Commissioners, thank you for taking the time to consider my opinion.

Regards,
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Sincerely,

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