

Dear FCC Commissioners & Staff:

The only reason I have high-speed access is because the courts forced BellSouth to resell network access to IgLou, my local ISP. I prefer IgLou because they listen to my needs and they implement innovative services quickly.

As a technical user, I need access to a UNIX shell prompt, which the 'big boys' either have never provided or no longer provide. Do not limit my choice of ISPs to big players like Earthlink, MSN, AOL, and BellSouth.net. None of them are prepared to deliver what I need at a reasonable price.

As a fundamental principle, leave the 'maintain the wires' job to the monopolies, and regulate their rate of return. Force them to unbundle services from basic access, and re-sell the basic access to the service providers, who drive the deployment of innovative networking technology. If the networking industry had to rely on BellSouth (or any of the old RBOCs) for innovation, we would all still be using teletypes at 110 bits per second.

Sincerely,

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