

Dear FCC Commissioners & Staff:

My name is John Dodge and I am the CEO and president of The Wizard Online, Inc., in Fort Morgan, CO. We began business in 1996 and presently have 1,500 customers, most of whom live and work in Deauville but we also do a fair amount of web hosting for customers throughout the region.

We offer many services that our local phone company, US West, does not. We also helped our local city government get online, even before and without the e-rate, and we continue to host their website.

When we opened for business we started, as many ISPs did, with a stack of ordinary dial-up modems and a fistful of phone lines from US West. Of course getting phone lines from US West was always a problem, and we frequently lost customers when our modem lines became busy because US West was late delivering phone lines we had ordered well in advance.

Nowadays we have moved on from ordinary phone lines to digital circuits.

The answer is for the FCC to make a good faith effort to uncover the discrimination (whether it is in pricing or provisioning) and put an end to it. Until the FCC has demonstrated that it is willing to do this for ISPs, any talk about lifting the rules for monopolies like US West is premature.

I hope that you will take my comments seriously - I am sending a copy of this letter to my Congressman as well.

Sincerely,

John Dodge
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