

Bell companies operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning will stimulate competition and be of benefit to the consumers. To not do so would cripple the '96 Telecom Act. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.

As a small farmer, I need flexible access to the internet. My past experience with large companies has been very poor!

Please make sure that the small providers remain viable and competitive. These providers can give the flexibility that small businesses and small farmers need.