

The LECs operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning stimulates competition and benefits consumers. Chairman Powell: The internet access in our area is dominated by two the groups with physical access to homes and businesses - Commcast Cable and Verizon. As a consumer, I am being inundated with offers for cable and DSL connectins, both not surprisingly - at the SAME high price as a "separate" service, or bundled with cable or phone service. - Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.