

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: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country. I live in a rural area and if I had to get another ISP like AOL, SBC or some other ISP I would have to pay long distance charges on my phone bill just to use the internet.