

CLECs have only been around since 1996. They need a chance to continue growing. Competition has brought us inexpensive broadband Internet access - without competition, the RBOCs will be able to charge whatever they want for broadband internet access. CLECs will be unable to continue to operate, and consumers will lose.

Do not let the Bell "Wolves" own the chicken coop you already allow them to dominate. Competition requires competitors to be alive. If the FCC lifts the dominant classification from the Local Exchange Carriers (Bells), it will limit competition to a duopoly consisting of a bell and a cable company. Competition in the American Telecom marketplace will not be incentivized, it will be torpedoed. ISPs and CLECs will die, consumers will be deprived of choice and the FCC will be wholly to blame for the travesty. DO NOT DO IT. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.