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Dear Chairman Powell.

I read with interest about recent FCC proposals to change the rules for competition for competing companies in local telephone service (*Wall Street Journal p. 1 Jan 6, 2003*) After reviewing these proposed changes, I wanted to express my adamant opposition to them.

First, regional Bells supplying local service promised to open up their networks in exchange for access to long distance service. Most of these companies now have long distance service, with the remainder on course to get it this year. Only a small fraction, eleven percent, of long distance companies have access to local markets, creating a virtual monopoly of local service for the Bells, to the detriment of most consumers across the nation. Prices for long distance remain very competitive, while local service costs remain far too high, and service very poor, because of the lack of competition. If you change the rules now, the long distance companies will gain little, if any, additional access to local networks, shutting them out of local markets. Without this competition the consumer loses to the high prices of the regional **Bell** monopolies.

Second, I believe that it is quite unfair of the FCC to give the regional Bells access to long distance markets without requiring them to give equal access to the local markets. Years ago long distance was the same sort of monopoly, and successful competition and subsequent benefits to the consumer, were established by a gradual forced competition similar to what currently exists in local markets. I think it very reasonable to give long distance carriers more time to establish themselves in local markets and give consumers a legitimate choice before pulling the rug out from under the current system.

Finally, I feel that current local service in our area is nothing short of atrocious. It is high priced with very poor customer service and extremely slow response times by SBC Pac Bell. It is time that they had legitimate competition to kick them out of their complacency. The FCC should keep protection of the consumer as its highest priority. Please leave the rules alone!

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