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From: Melvin Banks
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Feb 11, 2003 9:11 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Melvin Banks (Ebony.Financier@verizon.net) writes:

Commissioner Adelstein,

As a telephone customer that grew in rural Mississippi and now live in New York City, I can understand your support for giving state regulators more latitude in setting telecom policies. But the fact of the matter is, that state regulators oftentimes have no more vested interest in fairness than lobbyists. It should come as no allusion to you that CLECs have no interest in serving rural, poor, underservice communities, but rather the most profitably customers. After all, they have a documented history of creamskimming. I urge you to support Chairman Powell's proposal in leveling the playing field. Big incumbent telephone companies are the provider of last resort for many (if not most) rural, poor, underserved areas of our country from Bangor, Maine Shaw, Mississippi to New Madrid, MO to Fargo, South Dakota to Boise Idaho. . I think Chairman Powell's tradeoff --- allowing CLECs and other long-distance companies to lease the core network at artificially low prices in exchange for full deregulatory relief for the fiber networks is a fair compromise. Fiber networks can be built today by virtually any company, surely CLECs should be able to compete on solid business models and not governmental welfare. Support Chairman Powell for full regulatory relief.

Thanks
Melvin Banks
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From: Barbara Besecker
To: Barbara Besecker
Date: Tue, Feb 11.2003 7:44 AM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator DeWine
Senator Voinovich
Representative Boehner
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Barbara Besecker
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Troy, OH 45373

February 11,2003

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Sincerely,

Barbara Besecker

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From: Billy Beernon
To: Billy Beernon
Date: Tue. Feb 11.2003 11:30 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Levin
Senator Stabenow
Representative Kildee
Message text follows:

Billy Beernon
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Flint, MI 48505-3854

February 11,2003

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Sincerely,

Billy D Beernon

From: Angela Bingham
To: Mike Powell
Date: Tue. Feb 11, 2003 1:01 PM
Subject: UNE-Platform

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<<UNE-Platform Letter Michael Powell.doc>>

Thanks,

Angie Bingham
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312 441 1010 fax

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February 11th, 2003

Dear Chairman Michael Powell:

I ask your support for the continued availability of the "UNE-Platform."

My company, Access One, offers local telephone service in the SBC territories. The company has achieved increasing success largely because it utilizes the combination of "unbundled network elements" – the UNE-Platform - to serve customers. **It is** absolutely critical that we have continued access to the *UNE-Platform* to remain competitive.

Unfortunately, the Regional Bell Operating Companies have launched a full-scale attack on the UNE-Platform, realizing it is a major threat to their continued market dominance. Their strategy is to impose certain restrictions on individual network elements that would destroy the competitive value of the UNE-Platform. If the RBOCs succeed, it will all but end any chance for consumers to enjoy the benefits of meaningful competition in local phone service.

Please oppose any effort at the Federal Communications Commission or at state agencies to limit the availability of the UNE-Platform. The UNE-Platform should be firmly and permanently established as a viable service option for competitive telecom carriers.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Angela Bingham
Audit Analyst
Access One Incorporated

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From: bicyclepower
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Feb 11, 2003 8:59 PM
Subject: PRESERVE LINE SHARING!!!!!!!!!!!!!! ETC!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I implore you to PRESERVE LINE SHARING, GIVE OPEN ACCESS TO ALL including CLEC's and NOT to RE-MONOPOLIZE THE BELLS!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I find it simply horrible that during times like these, that we the people are in, that the members of the FCC would even consider selling their **souls** to the Baby Bells. Look yourselves in the mirror and make the right choice for THE CONSUMER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Thank you,
Robert P. Corrette

From: Lisa Bozarth
To: Mike Powell
Date: Tue, Feb 11, 2003 6:43 PM
Subject: UNE-Platform

Please see attached letter.

Thank you,

Lisa Bozarth
Executive Sales Assistant

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February 5th, 2003

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Sincerely,

Lisa M. Bozarth
Executive Sales Assistant
Access One Incorporated

From: Reynold Brandt
To: Reynold Brandt
Date: Tue, Feb 11.2003 10:05 AM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator DeWine
Senator Voinovich
Representative LaTourette
Message text follows:

Reynold Brandt
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Stow, OH 44224-4106

February 11,2003

[recipient address was inserted here]

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Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. Reynold Brandt

From: Sandra Braymer
To: Sandra Braymer
Date: Tue, Feb 11, 2003 7:02 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Feinstein
Senator Boxer
Representative Miller
Message text follows:

Sandra Braymer
26721 Calle Maria
Mission Viejo, CA 92691-3408

February 11.2003

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Sincerely,

Sandra Braymer

From: John Browning
To: John Browning
Date: Tue, Feb 11.2003 8:37 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Feinstein
Senator Boxer
Representative Royce
Message text follows:

John Browning
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Buena Park, CA 90620-4402

February 11.2003

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Sincerely,

John Browning

From: Donald Buttermore
To: Donald Buttermore
Date: Tue, Feb 11, 2003 8:36 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Warner
Senator Allen
Representative Davis
Message text follows:

Donald Buttermore
PO Box 1
North, VA 23128

February 11, 2003

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Sincerely,

Donald L. Buttermore

From: Willard Campbell
To: Willard Campbell
Date: Tue, Feb 11, 2003 2:50 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Feinstein
Senator Boxer
Representative Lantos
Message text follows:

Willard Campbell
2012 New Brunswick Drive
San Mateo, CA 94402-4019

February 11, 2003

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Sincerely,

Willard H. Campbell

From: Sarah Castor
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Feb 11, 2003 1:01 PM
Subject: Competitive Telecom

Commissioner Adelstein:

Please KEEP LINESHARING INTACT. It is imperative that competition not be cut off now, giving us, the consumer, choices at competitive rates.

Thank you so much,

Sarah Castor

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From: Ota Cervenka
To: Ota Cervenka
Date: Tue, Feb 11, 2003 5:23 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Durbin
Senator Fitzgerald
Representative Biggert
Message text follows:

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Bolingbrook, IL 60440

February 11, 2003

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Sincerely,

Ota Cervenka

From: Lloyd Conaway
To: Lloyd Conaway
Date: Tue, Feb 11, 2003 4:03 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Dayton
Senator Coleman
Representative Oberstar
Message text follows:

Lloyd Conaway
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Mountain Iron, MN 55768

February 11, 2003

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Sincerely,

Lloyd Conaway

From: Vincent De Rosa
To: Vincent De Rosa
Date: Tue, Feb 11, 2003 12:21 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Durbin
Senator Fitzgerald
Representative Hyde
Message text follows:

Vincent De Rosa
PO Box 1322
Addison, IL 60101

February 11, 2003

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Sincerely,

Vincent P De Rosa

From: Ruth L. Dukel
To: Ruth L. Dukel
Date: Tue, Feb 11, 2003 10:41 AM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Graham
Senator Nelson
Representative Ros-Lehtinen
Message text follows:

Ruth L. Dukel
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Tavernier, FL 33070

February 11, 2003

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Sincerely,

Ruth Dukel

From: Louise Fawcett
To: Louise Fawcett
Date: Tue, Feb 11, 2003 2:27 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Feinstein
Senator Boxer
Representative Herger
Message text follows:

Louise Fawcett
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Gazelle, CA 96034

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Sincerely,

Louise Fawcett

From: Walter Fessenden
To: Walter Fessenden
Date: Tue, Feb 11, 2003 4:59 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Dole

Message text follows:

Walter Fessenden
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Holly Springs, NC 27540

February 11, 2003

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Sincerely,

Walter A. Fessenden

From: FERGUSON, TERRI
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Feb 11, 2003 9:52 AM
Subject: FCC vote on UNEP

- > For the health our nation's communication system, the majority of
- > industry employees
- > and shareholders I strongly urge FCC Commissionersto approve Chairman
- > Powell's
- > proposal to phase out UNEP under FCC control, not state regulators.
- > Private industry
- > should no longer be expected to subsidize other telecommunication
- > companies, both
- > large and small. CLECs have gone out of business and others still
- > operating collectively
- > owe RBOCs millions of dollars that will never be collected. Just as we
- > experienced with
- > homeowner insurance premiums here in Texas, the costs will ultimately have
- > to be passed
- > on to consumers. The current structure does NOT benefit consumers in the
- > long run as
- > it was designed to do. In fact, it does the opposite. It is false
- > competition that has
- > created of loss of over 500,000 jobs, and over \$1 trillion in shareholder
- > value. Let's stop
- > bad policy now, with the hands qualified to do the job --THE FCC.
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From: Rick Gamber
To: Mike Powell
Date: Tue, Feb 11.2003 4:10 PM
Subject: UNE-P Comments

Chairman Powell

Attached as a word document please find our comments relative to the UNE-P issue. Thank you for your consideration.

Rick Gamber
Michigan Consumer Federation

Michigan Consumer Federation
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February 11, 2003

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners Abernathy, Adelstein, Copps and Martin:

Almost seven years after Congress passed the groundbreaking Telecommunication Act, the promise of real local phone competition is finally starting to become a reality for consumers in Michigan.

According to the most recent data released by your agency, new market entrants provide service to more than eighteen percent of local telephone lines in Michigan, a dramatic increase from only three percent in December 1999. As a result, hundreds of thousands of Michigan residents are now benefiting from greater choice and better pricing in local phone service. In fact, SBC customers in Michigan are finally seeing rates start to go down rather than up – something that hasn't happened in years.

However, just as competition begins to take hold, we understand that the Commission is considering a proposal that would significantly scale back or even eliminate the very regulations – known as Unbundled Network Element Platform, or UNE-P – that have played a critical role in promoting the recent surge in local phone competition.

Were the Commission to initiate such a major reversal of policy, all the progress that has been made in Michigan to bring real local phone competition to residential markets would be reversed. In fact, 90% of those customers who have chosen an alternative to SBC would see rate increases that would drive them back to the incumbent provider, ending all of the gains in competitive choices. Once again, consumers would be stuck with little or no choice, and the savings and service improvements that accompany increased competition would quickly evaporate.

Rather than adopting policies that would only serve to undermine telecom Competition, we urge the Commission to demonstrate its commitment to the interests of consumers, and the future of competition, by reaffirming your support for UNE-P.

Indeed, according to a report issued recently by the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, the continued existence of UNE-P is vital to the future of local competition in local markets across the country.

The report found that in many markets, market entrants who rely on the UNE-P system

serve the vast majority of residential and small business consumers who have switched their local phone service to a new competitor. In Texas, for example, competitors that depend on WE - P provide service to 77 percent of switched customers. Without the current WE - P structure, the report concludes, "it is unlikely that even the limited amount of residential competition that exists today could survive."

It is also critical that the Commission preserve the position of state regulators in maintaining and promoting competition in our telecom markets. State utility regulators like the Michigan Public Service Commission have played a vital part in opening local telephone markets across the country up to competition, and we believe that they are best placed to make decisions that impact local markets.

For local phone competition to continue to develop and flourish, state authorities must continue to have the flexibility to carry out their Congressionally mandated role of keeping local telephone markets open, and setting fair UNE-P prices.

Moreover, the Commission proposals that limit open access to communications networks, including fiber networks, are wrongheaded. Without open, non-discriminatory access to broadband networks, consumers will not realize the full potential of the Internet. Recent FCC decisions on broadband access policy threaten to inhibit innovation and consumer choice in the high-speed Internet marketplace.

The Federal Communications Commission has both an obligation and a responsibility to protect the public interest, and promote the interests of consumers. If the FCC opts to abandon the pro-competition UNE-P and broadband framework established by the Telecom Act, just as it begins to deliver real savings and benefits to ordinary consumers, it will have failed on both counts.

We thank you for your consideration of these important issues.

Sincerely,

Rick Gamber
Executive Director

From: Theresa Garrett
To: Theresa Garrett
Date: Tue, Feb 11, 2003 2:48 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

Senator Sarbanes
Senator Mikulski
Representative Gilchrest
Message text follows:

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Baltimore, MD 21236-1523

February 11, 2003

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