

I am both alarmed and shocked at the recent decision by the FCC to remove the mandatory line-sharing requirements from the RBOCS for the transmission of DSL service. This is a horribly misguided and ill-thought out decision that will cause the failure of many small ISP businesses around the country. Independent ISPs are accountable for the majority of the growth in the Internet industry, and our hard work has bought and paid for the RBOCs DSL infrastructure. If anything, the FCC should have voted to classify Cable as a Telecommunications Service, giving independent ISPs the right to line-share on the Cable plant. I am shocked and dismayed, that the FCC could make such an irrational and irresponsible decision when so much is at stake.