

As an Independent Internet Service Provider it is becoming increasingly difficult to serve my customers due to the new regulations brought about by the FCC. I offer broadband internet to a much larger area than what can be covered by the ILEC with its DSL deployment since most of my area is very rural. The ILECs do not intend to offer any type of broadband to these rural areas in the foreseeable future simply because it is not economically feasible for them. I provide these services through the wireless spectrum assigned by the FCC. The problem is that this very limited amount of spectrum is becoming increasingly crowded and does not exist well in many environmental situations.

The availability to access the unused portion of the low frequency stated in Notice of Proposed Rulemaking # 04-186 would allow myself and other fellow WISPs to greatly increase our coverage area at an affordable price to the American rural consumer. This would allow us to increase the broadband penetration in rural America that President Bush has so often stated as one of his goals. This technology would not interfere with the current TV broadcasting as many would lead you to believe and will allow broadband to many areas where it is not available now.