

The Federal Communications Commission should stop broadband companies from locking consumers into long-term contracts with high termination fees.

There's no real choice in broadband. Now those companies want to want us to commit to long-term contracts and costly cancellation penalties of up to \$200 to stop us from switching to a better service. This is good for consumer, nor is it good for competition.

I have always had my phone service and my cable service provided on a month-to-month basis. Now that they also offer broadband, why should I suddenly face complicated long term contracts and high termination fees? None of this makes any sense.

DSL providers routinely require long-term contracts when they offer short-term promotional rates, even if those special rates expire during the contract term. Some of them require contracts for equipment discounts, but charge cancellation penalties that seem much higher than the cost of the equipment.

It's time for FCC to require broadband companies to compete on quality and price and give me the ability to switch when they fall short.