

Reply to Shenandoah Telecommunications Co. in response to the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking:

In their comments they state PCO's "represent an important and dynamic force in the marketplace for advanced video programming, broadband internet and other services" and "typically provide service on terms competitive with, if not better than, their incumbent competitors". I live in Live Oak Preserve in Tampa, FL and MUST use the services of Century Communications for cable TV, internet and home security monitoring as part of the HOA fees. The exclusive contract runs for 15 years. The cable TV is far from dynamic and is not comparable to service I had from Comcast 15 to 20 years ago. The internet service actually tested at 15kbps/sec so I could not take the video service of Major League Baseball. I am quite sure that Verizon FIOS, DirectTV or Dish network could easily provide me with better services if I was not stuck with these mandatory services.

Another comment was "PCO exclusivity clauses do not constitute an unfair method of competition". Tell that to Verizon who has spent a large amount of money installing fiber cable throughout the development and can only sell their services to those residents rich enough to afford duplicate services. Tell that to Brighthouse cable which has not even bothered to supply their cables to Live Oak Preserve because they know they cannot compete fairly until the contract expires after 15 years.

Please extend the prohibition of exclusivity contracts to PCO's and extent the Commission's ruling to also cover internet service.