

Given the number of options available, Comcast may not be a monopoly in my area. However, poor service by my regulated phone company caused me to look around for an alternative to my dial-up. Other local providers also had poor service reputations, leaving me with little choice but to go with Comcast. This I did reluctantly, because of problems that I had about a year ago sending e-mails to Comcast addresses. That seemed to clear up after it was advertised that Comcast was limiting bandwidth to customers who hadn't paid extra fees. The Internet is becoming a very important public utility, both for the day-to-day functioning of our economy and our democratic form of government, and as an educational and research medium for the development of our country's future. It is unacceptable that the transmission mechanisms should become the property of private enterprise, unless they are adequately regulated. We are plundered enough by corporate greed. Please don't allow Internet usage to be added to the list.

Thank you.