

Please reclassify the FCC's definition of broadband service over phone company DSL lines & DSL modems as well as cable modem so that the Commission has statutory authority to implement and enforce competition mandates. In the 1990s we briefly had line sharing requirements under the 1996 Telecommunications Act requiring the big phone company ISPs to allow smaller ISPs wholesale access at reasonable rates to broadband and to allow them to resell it cheaply. Then the phone companies complained that cable didn't have this requirement and the Commission rather than applying it also to cable as it should undermined the Telecom Act. In 2002 broadband via cable modem had been reclassified a Title I information service and in 2005 they did the same wrongly for DSL. Finally deny the Verizon Cable deals and enforce the Comcast NBC merger conditions.