

COMMENTS REGRADING WC DOCKET No. 13-3

As a residential wire line customer of AT&T, I would like to submit the following comments in strong opposition to the filing by United States Telecom Association ("USTelecom") Petition for Declaratory Ruling That Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers ("ILECs") Are Non-Dominant in the Provision of Switched Access Services. I want to see a vibrant competitive market with multiple choices for consumers for local land line, internet, and cable services. Any chance of that happening will be destroyed if the USTelecom petition is approved. If anything, instead of approving the USTelecom filing, the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") should commence a proceeding to require large incumbent ILECs and cable companies to structurally separate their network facilities from their content or services businesses. This has been done with the electric market and the promise of any realistic competition for captive local, internet and cable services requires such action. In areas of the world where the bottleneck has been opened, residential customers have real competition, more choices and higher access speeds at better prices.

To approve the USTelecom filing would be the final straw in ignoring the last 100 years of communications policy in this country. The federal government has made repeated efforts to break this bottle neck control. Among other initiatives there was the 1956 Decree and the MFJ which both sought to bring about more competition. The Commission's long history of market opening initiatives starting with the Above 890 Decision in 1959 and many others would be completely demolished if the USTelecom petition is approved.

When I first heard of this filing it was around April 1st and I thought it was an attempt at an April Fools Day joke, but as I began to read more I discovered this is sadly not the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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