

Dear Sirs,

In reading the material pertaining to the request by BellSouth it seems that it is an attempt by a big corporation to gain a monopoly over a large and growing segment of the communications infrastructure to the detriment of free competition. In a word it is a request born of pure greed.

This is contrary to the interests of the American consumer and should not be allowed by the Federal Communications Commission. The idea of de-regulation was to promote fair competition for the benefit of the American people and to date has worked well. The request by BellSouth is an attempt to turn back the clock to days of monopoly, high rates, poor service and substandard technology for the consumer.

Yours truly,

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