

As a customer of a market-leading wireline provider, a satellite network, and a small wireline ISP (that leases lines from that same leading provider) I think it is disgraceful that cable companies are not currently subject to the same requirements that wireline providers are. The monopolistic state of cable service today SHOULD be restricted because of the damage it has done, and is doing, to consumer choice. Therefore it is doubly objectionable that any company, simply because it is larger than another, should be exempt from fair-play laws such as those that currently exist in the wireline market. For companies like BellSouth to claim that consumers are being harmed because they are subject to tariffs is laughable. If anything, consumers are suffering because there is so little competition and choice within the cable market. I for one moved to satellite because of the horrendous service and high prices of ComCast, which in the Bay Area has virtually complete control. I can't imagine what it would be like to use ComCast for internet service. In addition, as an IT consultant I have had all too much exposure to the shoddy practices of "market leader" ComCast's mail server management.

Hence I am grateful that I had a choice, and I would be greatly disappointed in my FCC representatives if I were to lose the chance to choose a small company like Sonic.net that is dedicated to high-quality, personal service.