

Please continue to require the local telephone monopoly to resell DSL. Consumers need more than just one to two company choices for broadband. The resulting lower prices will help U.S. maintain its technology leadership by encouraging broadband adoption. Perhaps more importantly, it allows consumers an alternative if they do not agree with the business practices of the local telephone or cable monopoly. For example, I switched providers because I was unhappy with the privacy policies of SBC. Furthermore if connectivity becomes too centralized, one can even imagine that the broadband providers might decide to filter internet content they did not want consumers to see. Much more than lower prices is at stake!