

FCC Commissioners

Regarding the merger of AOL and Time Warner. I would respectfully suggest that you require them to provide the same "open access" to their cable into a person's home that you require of the telephone companies that must share their wires into a person's home.

The future of both cable and telephone companies lies in high-speed internet access. Currently defined as "cable modems vs DSL." Local dial-tone, long distance service, and television broadcasting will all eventually become small secondary businesses compared to high-speed internet access.

To force telephone companies to share their wires with anyone and everyone while allowing cable companies to either not share their cable connections all or only share with one other competitor is not right. It will guarantee that cable companies, like the combined AOL and Time Warner, will have a grossly unfair competitive advantage over telephone companies when it comes to competing for the customer's high-speed internet access.

I therefore recommend that you make "open access" to their cable connections a requirement for the merger of AOL and Time Warner. That is "open access" with the same requirements that telephone companies have in sharing their DSL lines into people's homes.

Please level the playing field like this so that consumers will have an opportunity to choose the best, most cost-effective solution for their internet service. Don't let the cable companies off easy after setting such a good precedent by forcing the telephone companies to share their lines.

Thank You,

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