
Line Sharing and Wireline Broadband

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Line Sharing

- Line Sharing provides CLEC access to High Frequency Portion of the ILEC loop (avoids separate loop costs/delay)
- Covad and other CLECs offer ISP wholesale ADSL alternatives to BOC wholesale ADSL services
- Line Sharing UNE Eliminated by FCC's February 2003 *UNE Triennial Order*
 - ◆ *FCC believes that purchase of whole loop or line-splitting will be suitable for CLECs*
 - ◆ *Line Splitting coverage and implementation is questionable*

Line Sharing Transition

October 2, 2003 to October 2, 2005

- Year 1
 - ◆ *CLECs may sign up new line sharing customers*
 - ◆ *Line sharing price is 25% of UNE loop price*
- Year 2
 - ◆ *Line sharing price is 50% of UNE loop price*
- Year 3
 - ◆ *Line sharing price is 75% of UNE loop price*

- FCC expects (hopes for) private line sharing agreements between CLECs and ILECs
- ILEC required to provide HFPL only if ILEC offers analog voice service to the end user
- Applies only to “home run” copper loops, not hybrid-fiber loops

Line Sharing Status

- Judicial review -- Covad's case at D.C. Circuit
- FCC Reconsideration -- EarthLink's Petition for Reconsideration
- Resolution not likely for several months

Wireline Broadband

- Significant Issues of ISP Access to BOC high-speed Transport Services, including ADSL

- Pending Issues to be Decided:
 - ◆ *Title I v. Title II and nondiscrimination*
 - ◆ *Enforcement of ISP access rights*
 - ◆ *Cross-subsidization of BOC ISP services*
 - ◆ *Level of competition in the marketplace for wholesale, facilities-based access*
 - ◆ *Transition process*

- Impact on VoIP
 - ◆ *Classification of DSL could impact regulation of VoIP*

Wireline Broadband Status

- Ninth Circuit's Brand X decision has put broadband proceedings on hold
- Title II with Computer Inquiry “streamlining”
- Transition to Title I (non)regulation