

The continued classification of these rural exchanges as competitive has significant impact on the customers in these communities in that they will be deprived of the price cap protection of a 5% limit on nonbasic services and the annual limit on basic local service of the Consumer Price Index-Telecommunications Services. For that reason, Public Counsel urges the Commission to make a factual record of the proceeding which will serve as the basis of the Commission's decision.

Public Counsel urges the Commission to make as part of its record in this case the extent of competition offered by the providers designated in the report or operating within the exchanges to fully disclose the facts that demonstrate competition so that the Commission and the public will be advised of the competitive forces at work in these exchanges for these services.

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