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Hi there -

Julie Veach recently encouraged consumers to put forward their comments on wireline network changes, such as Verizon's transition to fiber in Belle Harbor and Ocean View. Personally, I would be okay with a transition to fiber IF we could do these things:

* Maintain TDM-based service over the fiber network for a long time to come. I've used a good number phone services out there, and regardless of if it's a tiny start-up or a huge ISP or telco, the TDM services seem to consistently stand miles above any of the IP-based offerings.

Not only would this virtually eliminate problems with faxes or heart monitoring devices and other machines (it's almost literally the same service as what's offered over copper, aside from the analog interface being moved to the customer side), it would keep the consistently strong level of sound quality and reliability the TDM network offers along with the solid regulatory advantage to boot.

* Retain the current 99.999% reliability rating incumbent phone service offers.

* Allow at least a week of battery life. If the battery or fiber equipment starts to fail for any reason other than customer abuse, it should be replaced free of charge. This may sound extreme, but as a rural Californian, we will indeed have power outages that last this long. They're rare, but they will happen even in cases where there's no natural disasters. An adapter that allows additional power from a set of D-cell batteries or something else that's widely (and cheaply) available would be a nice feature to have for unusual circumstances.

* Some rules should be put in place to allow competitive service providers to share the fiber with Verizon, as copper currently allows.

As the cable companies have been demonstrating quite nicely these past few months, a lack of competition generally does not pan out in the customer's favor.

Thanks for considering our opinion on this matter, Jason

