

LDC INTERROGATORY #23

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Reference: Report of John Todd, filed September 26, 2003, Page 13, lines 19-20

“Once a distributor connects a location that is unserved or underserved, it will become ‘served’ and will therefore become uncontestable in the market.”

Under what conditions could the location become contestable?

RESPONSE

In the absence of further policy developments to introduce unbundling of distribution, the introduction of mandated access to distribution connections at regulated wholesale rates and the introduction of resale competition, served locations would not normally become contestable.

A location would only become contestable, if at a later date it again became “unserved or underserved” due to technological change or redevelopment of the location.