Is 'Public Interest' Regulation in the Public Interest?

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The PCS Auction: Game Theory Meets Reality

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Antitrust Policy Issues in the Changing Telecommunications Industry

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Price Caps for Networked Industries: How Real Is Reform?

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Professor Williams is the author, coauthor, or editor of forty-two books and sixty research articles that examine how changes in communication affect various aspects of society. His recently published books include: The New Telecommunications: Explorations for the Information Age: Telecommunications and Rural Development: A Study of Business and Public Service Applications; The New Urban Infrastructure: Cities and Telecommunications; and Telecommunications Policy and Economic Development: The New State Role. They examine how technological and regulatory changes have affected economic development in the United States. The breadth of his research is reflected in his published articles which include: "On the Prospects for Redefining Universal Service," in Information and Behavior, 1995; "Rural Telecommunications and Economic Development;" Connections, September 1994; "The Information Infrastructure in Telecommunications; The Intelligent Network," in A accompanies the Global Economy, 1991; and "A New Beginning for Information Services on the Public Network," in Telecommunications and New Business Applications in Telecommunications, 1991. He is currently investigating U.S. Federal telecommunications policies as part of NAPTA.

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