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Internet Service Providers should be reclassified as Common Carriers and be required to follow the existing telecom rules to promote an open internet for consumers. The internet and broadband access today is the modern version of the telecom industry and has replaced the POTS network in most homes and must be considered a fundamental utility in the home and regulated as such to prevent the abusive costs and access restriction which are already inherent in the current ISP industry. Holding hostage companies like Netflix to pay exorbitant fees to carry their content to subscribers does nothing to promote an open internet and rewards abusive control the ISP's carry over today's modern telecom market. ISP's should be under the same common carrier rules that all other telecom providers are required to follow to safeguard the consumer instead of rewarding the abusive and lucrative ISP industry.