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As with most government regulations or agency orders, there is both good and bad. The proposal by FCC Chairman Wheeler (to be voted on by the FCC on Feb. 26, 2015) definitely includes some very good things that will insure that the Internet is Open, such as a promise of no taxes or fees, among other things.

However, reclassifying Internet carriers as a Telecommunications Service under Title II could easily be interpreted as moving the Internet to the status of a Public Utility. And, even though Chairman Wheeler's proposal appears to indicate the contrary, any reclassification could easily open the door to future imposition of regulation, taxation and governmental control of what is now a free Internet.

I work in a business where words are everything. I know how easy it is to manipulate a thought or opinion by simply changing a word or rearranging a phrase. Chairman Wheeler's proposal is written in a way that implies that reclassification of the Internet will guarantee that the Internet remains open. But history tells us that whenever the government gets more involved, things don't work as well as they did before.

At first glance Chairman Wheeler's proposal looks like a good thing. But if you look deeper and read between the lines, you'll see that reclassifying the Internet would fundamentally change the way a currently free, open, and highly efficient system operates and allow for the possibility of future regulation, taxation, and ultimately control of content.

Certainly, there are things that need to be addressed regarding abuse by major carriers like Verizon and Comcast, but with few exceptions, the Internet is working just fine under the 2010 Open Internet regulations and does NOT need the additional burden of reclassification. Reclassification could have a potentially devastating effect on small business and consumers. The only "winner" would be the government, which would have yet one more level of control over our lives.

If Chairman Wheeler is truly concerned about keeping the Internet open, it is certainly within his power to propose new regulations that address many of the current issues and, at the same time, guarantee no taxation or unreasonable regulations without reclassifying the service as a utility under Title II.