

Dear FCC,

My name is Tim and I live in Everett, MA.

The principles of user choice and control are vitally important for a vibrant wireless ecosystem. But as written, the NPRM threatens to undermine these ideals by limiting what users can do with their devices. That's a concern, because I want to be able to update my own wireless software?not rely on slow manufacturers shipping updates.

The draft rules could enable device manufacturers to forbid third-party software, which would make me feel less safe about the wireless networks I use and operate.

This is especially concerning because it would make it almost impossible for me to maintain what I deem an appropriate level of security for [ my systems ] and in turn it allows the ISP monopolies to continue to take advantage of paying customers by regional price discrimination and/or availability. (In other words...One customer in Colorado might pay \$29/mo for internet-only service of 25Mbps/5Mbps, while on the other hand, a customer of the same service provider (i.e. Comcast), in Eastern United States, might pay almost double this price for that same 25Mbps/5Mbps internet-only service. That's a huge disparity in price for essentially the same thing. It's basically pricing discrimination based upon location, which makes absolutely no sense whatsoever.

If companies like Comcast are going to offer a service for a particular price-----they shouldn't be allowed to charge customers more simply because they live in a different region. They should be charging for the service they are providing period!

Yes, it's understandable that some states charge providers in different ways for different things-----but maybe that's something that the FCC should also consider looking at when deciding how to approach matters with these service providers. You are the [ Federal ] Communications Commission-----so why would it be so hard for you to also clamp down on State Municipalities a bit too when it comes to how they permit and charge service providers, thereby leveling the playing field so to speak?

Either way, unless you are filthy rich in this country, the sad reality in this current and deplorably unbalanced state of the economy, is that most are actually poor and bottom line-----shouldn't have to pay thru the nose for these services or be limited by them either simply because companies want to maximize their profits and always at our expense!

As of May of this year, Forbes reports that Comcast is worth 147.8 Billion dollars!-----Now please explain to me why dropping their prices to more adequately reflect the sorry state of this economy would somehow put them [Comcast] out on the street?!

They can afford to drop their prices-----that much is clearly evident!

When does the price-gouging madness ever end?!

How long is it going to take for people to realize that we are living in a very unbalanced economic system that takes away from the poor while those who are rich get by just fine no matter what price they pay?!

The disparity between the rich and the poor now is the largest it has ever been in the history of the United States. More and more people are fighting tooth and nail just to put food on the table-----never-mind, pay all the [ ever-increasing ] prices of the utilities we use. This is an atrocity that must not be permitted to continue lest we all wake up one day with nothing but the clothes on our backs...

Answer me this-----Regardless of any price fluctuation, due to fear of threats to  
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its sources (which are still far and few between), why is it that gasoline continues to rise in price year after year after year?!-----For as long as it has been around, it has essentially been the same: [ 87' 89' or 93' octane ]-----So really what has changed except the price?! How do you really equate the exponential increase in the prices we pay when compared to the ever-increasingly un-affordable cost of living?!

Please if you have an intelligent response to these very serious questions, feel free to email me back, but please don't expect me to have any sympathy at all for a multi-billion dollar corporation when I can barely afford to put food on the table and pay all my essential utilities-----sorry but there is a huge unbalance here that has been and is continuing to be ignored!

The people whom sit in positions of oversight need to take steps in the right direction to change this broken system so that people have a more equal share of the types of services that most already consider an essential part of everyday life.

ISP's aren't doing enough to make their services fair, transparent, and affordable for all-----really this should be the primary objective the FCC focuses on to make any change in the right direction!

Thank you kindly for listening to my concerns.

Sincerely,

Tim