

Sirs:

I oppose defining the Internet as a service.

This is simply a ruse to allow special interests to bill for the use the Internet. The proposal to define the Internet as a service is no service to citizens, it is protectionism for existing interests. This proposal is an attempt to convert the Internet into a windfall profit center to pay for bad business decisions and to block new and innovative people, groups and organizations from using the Internet without paying a tithe to companies tied to outmoded technologies. The Internet is a group of networks that carry information in a variety of different ways, for a wide variety of users. The content being transmitted is not part of the Internet and efforts to control, bill or otherwise limit access and use by anyone is an attempt to limit the growth and usefulness of a technology that is in its infancy. The Internet is the highway, not the vehicles or cargo on it.

Very respectfully,  
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