

I strongly support Continental Airline's petition in the matter of 05-247. Airports' parochial interest in charging fees or protecting commercial vendors is not a legitimate reason to restrict the availability of internet service in private space, any more than it is legitimate for communities to restrict the construction of mobile phone antennas for their own parochial interests.

On July 8, 2005, my wife and I were traveling from Boston, through Newark, to Ireland. Unfortunately, that day bad weather complicated travel along the East Coast. When I arrived at Logan Airport my flights were changed. I had a bit of time in the Continental President's Club there to notify folks of the change, download some documents to my office in San Diego and obtain some information from the internet I needed for the trip. If Continental had not had an internet connection available, I could never have done it. I have similar, if less dramatic, experience when connecting in Houston. I would never have time to conduct this business by telephone modem, and commercial wireless connections generally are awkward and take too much time to log on, pay for etc.

The FCC should encourage entities to provide easy, inexpensive access to the internet, not restricting it. Our country's efficiency and productivity depends on easy access.