

## Network neutrality: Complaint about BellSouth, AT&T, and Verizon

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Hello,

I am writing to express my concerns and request that FCC puts an end to attempts by BellSouth, AT&T, and Verizon to discriminate in any way (filter, degrade, etc) content flowing on their networks and introduce new fees for so called two-tier content delivery. Facing revenue shrinking, management in those companies is in state of mind of greed, fear, and desperation to put their special interests above free unbiased flow of information. They are founding themselves in a situation when disruptive technology (for example Skype) threatens to cannibalize their stone-age cash cows. Such greed as seen from the following quote by AT&T CEO Ed Whitacre is not acceptable:

What [Google, Vonage, and others] would like to do is to use my pipes free. But I ain't going to let them do that."

The above mentioned companies don't care about physical conditions of living of people in this country and they don't care about free and unbiased flow of information - they care about protecting their special interests and turf. Modern advances in technology (like Skype) make it possible for the first time to considerably reduce costs of information exchange, but those special interests explore every imaginable way to slow down or even suppress advances in technology, advances disruptive, but disruptive in a way that improves conditions of living of entire country and not just of those narrow special interests. They know how important Internet has become and they want to control it by imposing fees and tolls and turning internet into tollgates, express lanes, and traffic tie-ups.

If telcos are not achieving ROI, they have to raise their fees, but what we see is that they are lowering broadband access rates. They are so profitable that they are willing to sacrifice some profitability to gain market share. But they want to go even further. They want to milk every successful internet business for more fees. That's pure greed. It's pure arrogance for them to

forget that no one would care about their broadband pipes if it was not thanks to those internet businesses like Google, Ebay, Skype, Yahoo, Apple and others who make telcos' pipes of any value.

And FCC is silent. And it's deafening silence. How can you ignore network neutrality issue and not react to so outrageous intentions. It's better to be proactive in such important area than reacting too slow after damage is done. There is no wait and see approach acceptable here. The Internet - the driver of our economic growth and prosperity is under threat from narrow special interests of a few people. This must stop.

Thank you in advance!