

As a consumer of dialup, cable modem, cable tv, with video cassette recorders, dvd recorders, I see a marketplace with varying price and performance. I see cable modem and DSL as competition. I see cable tv and satellite tv as competition. I would hope the government regulations do not stifle the ability of companies to charge what the market will bear. Will there be cases where a company gains pricing power? Yes. That usually encourages competitors to see where a niche might exist, but that also depends on the government regulations that might inadvertently help maintain the monopoly due to stale regulations that do not keep up with the marketplace. So, please do not create any regulations to force companies into providing network neutrality, but minimize regulations so that many competitors have multiple ways to provide content over a network. This would mean transmission via copper wire, optical fibre, wireless, satellite, power line. Regulations should actually be removed so phone companies, cable companies, satellite companies will not have the ability to restrict competition within their service areas. Let's actually have an open marketplace so consumers can choose based on price and performance, not by what regulation has been successfully lobbied to perpetuate the current monopolies. The only regulation that matters is ability to declare any part of network, but especially the "last mile", as unprotected, so it must be open to all comers at a "reasonable" price. This will protect the consumer from monopolistic (whether by design or by accident) practices in a service area, as the FCC can step in and re-open access for a variety of content providers. Thank you for letting me comment.