

I understand that the FCC is looking in to bit torrent throttling and other aspects of the broadband marketplace. I would just like to point out to the FCC that very few consumers have much choice when it comes to ISP and high speed Internet. In other words, there is a monopolistic or oligopolistic marketplace that fails to meet the demands of consumers.

Consumers want 1 thing: bandwidth. I do not want to pay for arbitrarily maintained access to some services or servers. They want to pay one fee for a set amount of upload bandwidth, and to be able to use it and manage it as they wish, using it for the services they choose. They do not want their ISP to decide what services they can use or how their connection is allocated. They just want complete access at a given bandwidth. It should be the ISP obligation of offer a reasonably accurate bandwidth measurement when advertising their service, and to maintain that approximate level of bandwidth in access their customers use. To do otherwise is clearly against the interests of consumers and also a clear result of a noncompetitive market.

I would like to note that this extends to wireless communications. I don't want to pay for my 'voice and data' as different items. Voice is a KIND of data. I should pay for bandwidth to connect to the wireless provider and be able to use that bandwidth for activities of my choosing. Instead, mobile carriers, another form of ISP, have taken advantage of consumer ignorance and a non-competitive marketplace to offer consumers plans that generally make it more expensive to text than talk, even though every semi-intelligent person knows that a sentence can be sent in a smaller size typed than spoken.

I hope you will be proactive in stopping ISPs from continuing this anti-consumer monkey business, or at least promote rules which will increase competition instead of consolidation in order to give us consumers the choice we desire.

Remember, I pay my ISP for BANDWIDTH, not to make other decisions about my internet access.

Thank you.