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Comment for FCC re: Vuze, Inc compliant against Comcast.

Comcast's activities should be strongly condemned as interference in the business of others. By silently interfering in the traffic flowing through its network hubs, Comcast harms traffic originating in other networks.

Examples of specific harm in the marketplace:

Blizzard Activision's hugely popular game World of Warcraft uses the BitTorrent protocol to distribute updates, and new content. By using BitTorrent, Blizzard improves the user experience, and reduces its own costs. Unknown blocking of BitTorrent traffic directly harms both Blizzard's customer and increases direct cost. Blizzard's support documentation notes, "You may wish to contact your ISP or network provider to make sure that they are not blocking http connections on ports 3724, 6112, and 6881-6999." (Source: <http://us.blizzard.com/support/article.xml?articleId=21069&categoryId=2326&parentCategoryId=2316&pageNumber=1>)

The Wikipedia also notes 6 other commercial services and software that use the BitTorrent protocol. (See [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BitTorrent\\_\(protocol\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BitTorrent_(protocol)))

It's telling that Comcast's method of interfering with this class of network traffic was pioneered by the Chinese government in its attempt to control and censor all Internet traffic. (See [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet\\_censorship\\_in\\_the\\_People's\\_Republic\\_of\\_China](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet_censorship_in_the_People's_Republic_of_China) 'Technical Information')

Lastly, I encourage the Commission to examine if this kind of behavior would be allowed for other such 'access point' vendors. Would AT&T/Bell been allowed to block all Fax traffic, or automatically disconnect faxes that were of more than one page?

In closing, I thank the FCC for investigating this matter, and I hope that action will be taken to guarantee all of America's customers have equal access to information and technology.

Best Regards,  
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