

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Preserving the Open Internet)	GN Docket No. 09-191
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Broadband Industry Practices)	WC Docket No. 07-52

To the Commission:

**Comments from Nickolaus E. Leggett
On Network Neutrality**

I am one of the original petitioners for the establishment of the Low Power FM (LPFM) radio broadcasting service (RM-9208 July 7, 1997 subsequently included in MM Docket 99-25). I am also a certified electronics technician (ISCET and iNARTE) and an Extra Class amateur radio operator (call sign N3NL). I hold an FCC General Radiotelephone Operator License with a Ship Radar Endorsement. I am an inventor holding three U.S. Patents. My latest patent is a wireless bus for digital devices and computers (U.S. Patent # 6,771,935). I have a Master of Arts degree in Political Science from the Johns Hopkins University. I am also one of the petitioners in the docket to establish a low power radio service on the AM broadcast band (RM-11287).

Requested Actions

The Commission should establish a broadband “Bill of Rights” that will allow individual Americans and small organizations the basic right to broadcast and communicate over broadband. This Bill of Rights should include the following features:

1. All individual Internet stations have the right to broadcast and communicate over the Internet without interference by corporations and/or

government.

2. If broadband usage exceeds existing capacity, usage can be rationed (in terms of bits per second) with all Internet users having the same proportional reduction in capacity for the duration of the shortage. There must be no favoritism at all for large organizations.
3. Government and/or private organizations may not monitor the content of Internet transmissions unless such monitoring is done by lawful court order. This will establish the appropriate privacy of Internet web casts, web sites, and email traffic.
4. First Amendment rights on the Internet shall be the same as the First Amendment rights for print and radio/TV broadcast media.
5. Intellectual property rights, such as copyright, shall be the same as the rights applying to print and radio/TV broadcast media.
6. All Internet station journalists and bloggers shall be recognized as legitimate journalists with the same rights of access as print or conventional broadcast station journalists.

We must protect all Americans' access to Internet broadcasting and all other uses of the Internet. This is basic to America's democratic future. If our rights to access are denied or inhibited by corporate or government action then America will face a nasty future of declining legitimacy and truly obnoxious politics.

Respectfully submitted,

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