

Stay with the facts...

- Other developed countries deliver faster, cheaper and reach more % of population on broadband than we have in the US:

What is the difference between them and us ?

They have to obey the same net neutrality rules as US providers, why cant US providers keep up? So instead of demanding improvements and tightening control on the "bad kids", we allow them to take control ?

- Cabled broadband is a Monopoly market, how can somebody even suggest to give them control over supply ? Enron 2.0 ?

- Right now service is easy to compare, x Mbps for x \$ per month, as far as you can speak of competition with none or just 1 or 2 options, the companies can compete with these parameters.

By leaving this up to the companies it will be blurry and get more blurry over time as what you are actually buying and how to compare this to the competition.

It will be like comparing cable/satellite packages, with only 4 to 5 big players it might as well be called a monopoly since they all offer more or less the same, for more or less the same price, this is fine for TV, but broadband is becoming as important as electricity.

In that same comparison, can anybody imagine a utility company deciding how I should use the power to my house, because they dont want to make the expensive investments to stay up with modern/current household energy use, with that give them the power to create a shortage, the only thing they have to do is not invest in network upgrades, ones again, Enron 2.0

Broadband is too important to leave at the will Monopolist.

- Allowing companies to merge in a already non competitive market ?
Says it all.

- Broadband (mainly wireless) with a monthly download cap should not be considered broadband cause it cant be used as such, these calculations show the problem.

Example 1:

Exede Satellite 12Mbps "broadband", 10GB limit per 30 days ~\$60.

10GB = 81920 Mb, 12 Mbps = 720 Mb pm, $81920/720 = \sim 114$ Minutes per month available = ~ 3.8 minutes broadband per day available at purchased bandwidth.

$\sim \$60/114 = \0.53 per minute broadband.

Example 2:

AT&T, Wireless ~9 Mbps LTE "broadband", 5 GB monthly cap ~\$50.

5 GB = 40960 Mb, @9 Mbps = 540 Mb pm, $40960/540 = \sim 76$ minutes available per month = 2.5 minutes broadband per day available at purchased bandwidth.

$\sim \$50/76 = \0.66 per minute broadband.

This shows broadband with a relatively small data cap should not be considered broadband cause it cant be used as such.

- Force landline providers to update their networks and deliver DSL on their lines, use it or lose it, these companies had by now 15 years to make the investments to deliver broadband DSL service but in many places they still have not delivered,

Break these lines open for competition, regulations that benefits the competition and consumers, the network owners been sitting on this potential real broadband service to thousands (millions?) of people but did not deliver, time to take them out of the driver seat.

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