

Please consider this comment with regards to treating Internet Service Providers (ISP) as utilities.

I believe ISP, who are using a national resource, should be treated like other utilities, and, as such, should be required to provide a basis of service gauged to highest demand.

I receive water, gas, and electricity at full levels even at the highest volume moments for the utilities. Internet access however, does not appear to be based on satisfying on highest demand, but rather at a level which allows faster service in slack times and slower service when more people are on the same circuit as me are actively using the service.

For me, QWEST is based on “Up to 12 Megabytes” of download capacity. I think the key words here are “up to”. Typically my rate is about 7 megabytes, with off time service approaching 12, but at busy times, mainly after schools let out, the level drops to less than one.

I think ISP services should be regulated like the gas company utility. That is, some users get a lower price per cubic foot by agreeing to have service reduced or suspended during high use periods. It seems the current proposal is the opposite of that: high use customers will pay a premium for continuing fast service, while the common user will have service reduced.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my view. If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

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