

We only need two rules for net neutrality:

- 1) discrimination of ANY kind is absolutely prohibited
- 2) there are no other rules

Rules are almost never applied universally and therefore leave the underlying intent/spirit open to abuse. For example, it is illegal for cable companies to charge people a premium for only subscribing to one a la carte service instead of bundling multiple services. So what did the cable companies do? They increased prices all across the board and then offered a "discount" for buying multiple products together. The end result is the EXACT same cost structure as if penalty premiums were ALLOWED *AND* CHARGED, except now they're called "discounts" and that somehow magically makes everything legal.

Saying you can't restrict speeds but can charge for increased speeds will just result in decreasing the normal speeds to near zero...so there will be no "restriction" to speak of. Then everyone will have to pay for "faster" speeds...effectively the EXACT same situation as if restrictions were ALLOWED *AND* APPLIED, except it'll be called an "enhancement" instead and that, once again, will somehow magically make everything legal.

Instituting a mandatory baseline as a "compensating factor" will NOT fix the problem and will NOT stop abuse. All that it will do is retard growth. Rather than increasing the baseline speed, the baseline speed will stay the same FOREVER and the "fast" speed will become even faster.

This is not hard to see unless you're intentionally turning a blind eye. Corporations are corporations, and corporations care about profitability above all else...that's the reason why they exist; the two cannot be separated without intervention. I might support this "proposal" IF, AND ONLY IF, *EVERY* *SINGLE* decision was a result of an *INDIVIDUAL* congressional vote...anything less is absolutely abhorrent and needs to be abandoned immediately.

Broadband internet access needs to be treated as a public utility that will inevitably replace telephone technology in its entirety. We're really not that far away from seeing it happen.