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House defunds FCC "Net Neutrality"

Vote reverses hurried lame-duck ruling

Just before Christmas 2010, a one-vote majority of three FCC commissioners voted to render regulatory control over the vast nebulous network known as the Internet. Very few advances in history have had as dramatic an impact on society as the Internet, so it was perhaps only a matter of time before the government could no longer resist meddling.



So-called "Net Neutrality" has been dubbed "A Solution in Search of a Problem" ... it is one of those sanitized program names that beg a gasp when there is any opposition – who could possibly be against equal access to the Internet, like legislation purporting to promote clean air and water or safety for our children?

That's how these programs often get started, and once the seeds are planted they are

watered with an abundance of tax dollars that cause new government departments to bloom and grow – a slippery slope indeed.

The Internet has been left relatively free of regulation for many years, which helps explain its phenomenal growth. However, soon after November 2008 the new administration began appointing friendly members to the FCC who better reflected its vision of social management through increased regulation.

Now, due to the recent mid-term elections of November 2010, budget and policy hawks in the House of Representatives have voted – as one of their priorities – to halt funding to the FCC for any changes related to the implementation of "Net Neutrality." More battles are sure to come, but for now this is a breath of fresh air and a sigh of relief.

But if implemented by a future Congress and administration, what would the proposed Net Neutrality changes mean to OCS subscribers? Initially probably not much, since our policies manage overall bandwidth usage (like a meter) but we have never restricted what content may flow through that meter.

However, over time it is inevitable that government meddling would require that we prove we are not restricting content, which might require that we purchase new equipment and spend countless hours submitting new reports. Eventually, we would have to pass those new regulatory costs on to our customers in the form of rate increases – proving yet again that it is ultimately the consumer who pays for all government regulation.

Software News



Secunia PSI Version 2.0 has been released. We've been using this small application for a few months now, and find it very handy for keeping track of all program updates on your computer rather than having to do it separately for each different program. Since many of these updates apply fixes to potential security issues it's important to keep up with them, and this free utility makes it relatively easy. See secunia.com for more info.



Adobe's ubiquitous Flash Player is now available in a beta release for 64-bit operating systems, including Win7, Mac and Linux. If you use one of these systems and have been seeing a blank space where a Flash movie would normally appear, this is the best current solution. Search "**Flash Player Square**" for more information.

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Here's the latest blatant phishing attempt, which was sent recently to many of our subscribers:

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Please remember that OCS **NEVER EVER** sends out email like this! If you click Reply, be sure to check the "To:" address – if it's not to an address at @ocsnet.net, it's a phishing fraud.

If in doubt, please call us. You may also notify us of suspicious email by forwarding it to spam@oacys.com.



OCS computer service by appointment

The OCS computer service and repair shop is transitioning toward an appointment-based system rather than simply accepting all work on an impromptu walk-in basis. Customers are encouraged to phone our office to schedule an appointment to drop off a computer for repair. Please note that the average time for virus cleanup is currently five (5) business days. Thank you for your cooperation!

Tired of satellite or Clearwire? You're not alone ... many of our new OCS accounts are customers switching to OCS from satellite or Clearwire. Tell your friends and receive a referral credit for up to a month's free service.



Fan Mail

"Thanks for responding so quickly. I sure do like your service, as I went from Cox, to Warner, to Brighthouse, when I was in Bakersfield. Always had trouble contacting them, etc. When I moved out here in the "boondocks," everyone said getting Internet would suck ... [but they were wrong], you guys are GREAT!" -DH

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Plan Name	Average Speeds			B-M-W ¹	One-Time Fees			Monthly Service
	Min	Typ	Max		Service Activation	Install/Configure	Equipment Deposit	
1 Bandwidth-Mailboxes-Webpace (see notes)								
DIALUP	26K	40K	53K	1-5-5	25.00	-	-	24.95
Accelerator	Typically 2-5X faster			-	-	-	-	+5.00
WIRELESS STANDARD 2.4 GHz								
24 Basic	125K	500K	750K	10-5-5	25.00	100.00	100.00	49.95 ^{2,3}
24 Premium	250K	1M	1.5M	15-5-5	25.00	100.00	100.00	79.95 ^{2,3}
24 Business	375K	1.5M	2M	20-10-10	25.00	100.00	100.00	129.95 ^{2,3}
WIRELESS SPECIAL CASES 900 MHz (where available)								
900 Basic	125K	375K	750K	5-5-5	25.00	100.00	100.00	59.95 ^{4,5}
WIRELESS MISSION CRITICAL 5.8 GHz (where available)								
58 Premium	250K	1M	1.5M	15-5-5	25.00	100.00	100.00	99.95
58 Business	375K	1.5M	2M	20-10-10	25.00	100.00	100.00	129.95
58 Professional	500K	2M	3M	25-25-25	25.00	100.00	100.00	159.95
58 Corporate	750K	3M	4M	30-30-30	25.00	100.00	100.00	199.95
58 Enterprise	1M	4M	5M	40-40-40	25.00	100.00	100.00	249.95

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