

FCC Repeals Net Neutrality Rules; Businesses Should be Vigilant for Effects

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Today the Federal Communications Commission voted 3-2 to repeal net neutrality rules for internet traffic. The vote removes the oversight of internet service providers (ISPs) that was placed in 2015 to seek a flow of data generally equal for all users.

The net neutrality rules prohibited ISPs from selling tiers of data delivery speed, slowing speeds for specific content, and blocking, censoring or otherwise discriminating against any online material.

Trade group representatives have stated that telecom companies have no plans to change their practices. The next step for proponents of net neutrality is to seek a Congressional termination of the repeal of the regulations. Alternatively, Congress may put terms for net neutrality in new legislation.

All businesses that rely upon internet connections and communications should carefully review all new notices, whether by text, email or hyperlink, coming from their ISPs.