



BEREC: Workshop on IP-interconnection

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Recent FCC Actions

- 2015 Open Internet Order (February 2015)
- AT&T-DIRECTV Order (July 2015)
- Charter-Time Warner Cable Order (May 2016)

Overview of *Open Internet Order*

- Three Simple, Bright-Line Rules:
 - No Blocking
 - No Throttling
 - No Paid-Prioritization
- General Conduct Rule
- Enhanced Transparency Rule
- June 12, 2015 –Bright-Line Rules Effective
- June 14, 2016 – U.S. Court of Appeals for D.C. Circuit Upheld Rules

Open Internet Order: Interconnection

- Concluded it would be premature to apply prescriptive rules to interconnection agreements.
- The FCC will monitor IP interconnection, and will consider claims involving IP interconnection agreements on a case-by-case basis.
 - Claims concerning IP interconnection are to be reviewed under sections 201 and 202 of the Communications Act, which prohibit unjust and unreasonable conduct by common carriers, including broadband service providers.

AT&T/DIRECTV Order: Interconnection

- Approved, subject to conditions, the acquisition of DIRECTV by AT&T.
- Imposed conditions requiring AT&T-DIRECTV to file all interconnection agreements with the FCC, and to provide certain interconnection performance metrics to the FCC.

Charter/Time Warner Cable Order: Interconnection

- Approved, subject to conditions, Charter Communications' acquisition of Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks, creating the nation's second-largest residential broadband service provider.
- Imposed a mandatory interconnection requirement on Charter and requires Charter to file all interconnection agreements with the FCC.