

Open Internet Policy

Independents Fiber Network Management Practices Policy Disclosure

Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's newly enacted Open Internet Rules found in Part 8 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Independents Fiber Network's policies regarding network management practices, performance characteristics, and commercial terms are provided in entirety so that Independents Fiber Network's current customers, prospective customers, third-party content providers and other interested parties can make informed choices regarding the broadband Internet transport services offered by Independents Fiber Network, and the extent Independents Fiber Network management practices may affect those services.

NETWORK MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Independents Fiber Network utilizes reasonable network management practices tailored to achieve legitimate network management purposes. By engaging in reasonable and responsible network management, Independents Fiber Network prevents its customers from being subjected to the negative effects of spam, viruses, security attacks and other risks that threaten to degrade service. The network management practices employed by Independents Fiber Network are consistent with industry standards.

During routine meetings, Independents Fiber Network's engineers review all proposed changes to the network infrastructure to ensure that network availability will not be compromised and to confirm that networking standards and best practices are followed. Emergency network change requests and network maintenance proposals undergo a strict network design review to ensure the integrity of the network and to preserve the neutral network environment.

CONGESTION MANAGEMENT

Independents Fiber Network does not employ any congestion management tools and/or software on network traffic.

Independents Fiber Network maintains sufficient bandwidth to service its directly peered customers.

Independents Fiber Network employs a standard best effort Internet delivery policy to ensure that any organization, institution or entity connected, directly or indirectly, to Independents Fiber Network's backbone network may exercise choice in lawful Internet content, web-based application and use of Independents Fiber Network or competitor service, including any device which is not harmful to the network.

For organizations utilizing Independents Fiber Network's hosted mail service, Independents Fiber Network may employ filtering for SPAM and viruses on email sent to the subscribing organizations.

NETWORK OPENNESS AND FAIR USE

Independents Fiber Network actively engages and encourages open settlement-free peering with providers and operators. Independents Fiber Network management policies prohibit the discrimination of legitimate or legal use of network capacity bandwidth by application, source or use of the network. Independents Fiber Network does not limit or impose any limitations on users at subscribing organizations to lawfully possess, use, or distribute Internet content.

All of the preceding is subject to the needs of law enforcement. Independents Fiber Network does not favor any lawful Internet applications or content over others, and is committed to enabling competition among network providers, application and service providers, and content providers.