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FCC Net Neutrality Decision Heads to Court

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A few months back, we wrote about Congress jumping into the debate over "net neutrality" with the introduction of a bill directing the FCC to assess the extent and impact of efforts by broadband providers to police internet traffic, impeding connections and access based on content and activity. (See "A Congressional Foray Into the Net Neutrality Debate").

The bill was introduced as the FCC was investigating Comcast for allegedly instituting measures to slow down P2P traffic on by its users. On August 1, the FCC entered an order finding that Comcast had, in fact, violated FCC net neutrality principles by examining users' connections and routing them (in actuality, slowing them down) based on whether the connection was being used for P2P uploads. In effect, Comcast was managing traffic connections not based on destination but on application. The order directed Comcast to suspend the network management practices that violated the FCC rules, with the intention of making the suspension permanent.

As expected, on September 4, Comcast filed suit in the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit seeking to overturn the FCC ruling. While Comcast has said it will comply with the directives in the order, it was appealing the order discount propecia rx because, in the words of a Comcast spokesperson, "the Commission's action was legally inappropriate and its findings were not justified by the record."

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