

THE FREE STATE FOUNDATION

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present:

"THE FEDERAL UNBUNDLING COMMISSION?"

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

The Gold Room, Room 2168, Rayburn House Office Building

Whether called "net neutrality" or "open access" or "a la carte" or "must carry," the FCC increasingly is either imposing, or considering imposing, mandates that have the effect of requiring broadband service providers to unbundle and open their network facilities, applications, or content in ways the service providers may not prefer.

The FCC's recent decision to require "open access" for the 700 MHz spectrum block is an example of this unbundling phenomenon because it prevents network operators from integrating the offering of devices, applications, and content through voluntary business arrangements that may favor certain business partners.

Is the FCC at risk of becoming known as "The Federal Unbundling Commission"? And, if so, does this make for sound communications policy in the current marketplace environment?

To answer these questions, the conference will features an array of expert scholars and leading industry representatives, including:

- Joe Waz, Comcast
- Peter Davidson, Verizon
- Rick Whitt, Google
- Tom Sugrue, T-Mobile
- Robert Crandall, Brookings Institution
- Christopher Yoo, University of Pennsylvania Law School
- Kevin Werbach, University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School
- James Gattuso, Heritage Foundation
- And many more!

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