



Project BEAR (Broadband for East Alabama Region)

Net Neutrality and Open Network Policy

The [Federal Communications Commission](#) (FCC) adopted FCC 05-151 as a Broadband Policy Statement (also known as the Internet Policy Statement), which lists four principles of open Internet,^[13] "To encourage broadband deployment and preserve and promote the open and interconnected nature of the public Internet, consumers are entitled to:"

- access the lawful Internet content of their choice.
- run applications and use services of their choice, subject to the needs of law enforcement.
- connect their choice of legal devices that do not harm the network.
- competition among network providers, application and service providers, and content providers.

These points are often summarized as "any lawful content, any lawful application, any lawful device, and any provider".

To foster creation, adoption and use of broadband content, applications, services and attachments, and to ensure consumers benefit from the innovation that comes from competition, M² Connections will emulate the Commission by incorporating the above principles in our ongoing activities and through expansion of competition; via an open network policy on all portions of the Project BEAR network, as defined and committed to via nondiscrimination and network interconnection obligations set forth in section V.D.3.b of the NOFA and in Section 6001(j) of the Recovery Act (ARRA). Wholesale services and network interconnection capabilities are open to all competitive carriers on a non-discriminatory basis.