

NETWORK POLICIES



Usage Issues for BVU Fiber Network, OptiNet

Following are BVU policies for non-discrimination and other issues that apply to anyone wanting to use the BVU fiber network. These policies apply to the entire BVU network, not just to those portions constructed using federal grant dollars.

By Virginia law BVU is required to have an open access network under Va. Code § 56-264.4:4.B.7 which requires:

Each locality that has obtained a certificate pursuant to this section shall provide nondiscriminatory access to for-profit providers of telecommunications services on a first-come, first-served basis to rights-of-way, poles, conduits or other permanent distribution facilities owned, leased or operated by the locality unless the facilities have insufficient capacity for such access and additional capacity cannot reasonably be added to the facilities.

BVU has made their network available to outside carriers since inception. BVU will continue to offer open access and will negotiate with potential retail providers in accordance with the rules of the NOFA and Virginia law.

In the area of non-discrimination, BVU already adheres to the principles contained in the FCC Internet Policy Statement, FCC 05-151, adopted August 5, 2005. Consumers are entitled to access the lawful Internet content of their choice. Consumers are entitled to run applications and use services of their choice, subject to the needs of law enforcement. Consumers are entitled to connect their choice of legal devices that do not harm the network. Consumers are entitled to competition among network providers, application and service providers, and content providers, since BVU is competing against both a cable and telephone incumbents.

BVU already adheres to network neutrality and does not favor any lawful Internet applications and content over others.

BVU does not discriminate among customers and every customer has an equal chance of receiving bandwidth. The BVU bandwidth system does not employ and Quality of Service (QOS), meaning that every bit on the network is treated the same, with no priorities given to any type of bandwidth or any customer.

In the area of interconnection, BVU already connects directly to the public Internet so that their network and this project is not an entirely private closed network. BVU is willing to interconnect with any other carrier. The network has been designed with multiple POPs and potential interconnection points.

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