



**Venture Communications Cooperative
Network Management Practices Policy Disclosure**

Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's Restoring Internet Freedom Declaratory Rules, Report and Order, Venture Communication's ("Provider") policies regarding network management practices, performance characteristics, and commercial terms are provided in entirety so that Provider's current customers, prospective customers, third-party content providers and other interested parties can make informed choices regarding the broadband Internet access services offered by Provider, and the extent Provider's network management practices may affect those services.

Network Management Practices

In the interest of providing the best online experience possible for all of Provider's customers, Provider utilizes reasonable network management practices tailored to achieve legitimate network management purposes. Because bandwidth is a limited resource for broadband Internet service providers, it is essential that Provider reasonably manages its network to promote the use and enjoyment of the Internet by all of Provider's customers. By engaging in reasonable and responsible network management, Provider uses its best efforts to deter its customers from being subjected to the negative effects of spam, viruses, security attacks, network congestion, and other risks that threaten to degrade service. The network management practices employed by Provider are consistent with industry standards.

Congestion Management

All Venture Communications' network practices and general service provisioning activities are applicable to any and all users who are utilizing its Internet services in accordance with our Acceptable Use Policy. The Acceptable Use Policy can be found on this web site (www.venturecomm.net). Any user in violation of the Acceptable Use Policy may experience immediate termination of services at the discretion of Venture Communications.

The congestion management practices utilized by Provider are "protocol-agnostic" meaning that the network does not manage congestion based on the online activities, protocols or applications a customer uses.

Application-Specific Behavior

Provider does not make use of any application-specific network management practices. Provider does not favor, modify, inhibit, rate control or block any specific protocols, protocol ports or fields, or any applications or classes of applications.

Device Attachment Rules

In order for a device to be approved for use on the Provider's network, the device must conform to publicly available industry standards and be non-harmful to Provider's network.

Security

Provider offers its customers unrestricted access to all of the lawful content, services, and applications available on the Internet. Provider uses industry standard tools and generally accepted best practices and policies to protect our customers from spam, phishing, and other unwanted or harmful online content and activities. In the instances where these tools and policies identify online content as harmful or unwanted, the content may be prevented from reaching customers, or customers may be permitted to identify or inspect content to determine if it is harmful or unwanted.

Our current service provider utilizes a Red Condor solution for spam and virus email filtering. Venture Communications has no control over the existence or elimination of any other viruses. Specifically, Venture Communications does not provide any filtering or checking of data to eliminate viruses other than email virus filtering. Customer agrees to provide its own mechanism for checking its computer system for viruses obtained through the Service. Further, Customer agrees not to introduce, knowingly or unknowingly, any virus onto the Internet system or Venture Communications' hosts. Further, Customer will hold Venture Communications harmless from, and indemnify Venture Communications for, any damages resulting from any viruses introduced by Customer onto the Internet or into Venture Communications systems.

While Venture Communications makes no warranties, expressed or implied, concerning the security of the customers data or computer system, Venture does invoke *Distributed Denial of Service* monitoring via our upstream provider. This "DDOS" monitoring can result in limitations of service and web access in the event of an attack. It is applied without prejudice and with unilateral equality amongst all Venture Communications' Internet users.

Performance Characteristics

Provider offers broadband Internet access service via FTTH and Digital Subscriber Line ("DSL"). DSL is a wireline transmission technology that transmits data faster over traditional copper telephone lines already installed to homes and businesses.

The advertised speed of Provider's Internet service is the maximum speed achievable with the technology utilized by Provider. While the maximum advertised speed is attainable for end users, several factors may affect the actual speed of Provider's Internet service offerings, including, but not limited to: the distance of the consumer's home or office from Provider's central office (i.e., the further away the customer is from the central office, the slower the broadband speed), the end user's computer, modem or router, activity during peak usage periods, and other Internet traffic.

Based on internal testing, the mean upload and download speeds are 50Mbps Down/50 Mbps Up during peak usage periods (i.e., between 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. on weeknights).

Provider's internal testing, established a mean round trip latency of:

FTTH – 6ms
DSL – 31ms

Commercial Terms

Pricing

In order to meet the usage and budgetary needs of all of our customers, Provider offers a wide selection of broadband Internet access plan options, including promotional offerings, bundled service choices, and ala carte alternatives.

To see Provider's current promotions and pricing on broadband Internet access service, please visit our website www.venturecomm.net, or call 605.852.2224 to speak with a customer service representative.

Early Termination Fees

If a customer previously entered into a service agreement with Provider for broadband Internet access service for a defined service term, and customer desires to terminate the service agreement prior to the expiration of that term, Provider may charge a reasonable early termination fee if such fee is clearly indicated in the service agreement.

Provider presently has no early termination fees.

Usage-Based Fees

Provider's Internet service is priced on a flat-fee basis (plus taxes). Provider does not charge end users a usage-based fee for Internet service.

For additional information on Provider's fee schedule for additional network services, visit the Provider's website at: www.venturecomm.net.

Privacy Policy

Provider affords full access to all lawful content, services and applications available on the Internet and does not routinely monitor, inspect or store the network activity and traffic of its Internet service users. However, Provider reserves the right to monitor bandwidth, usage, transmissions and content for purposes of protecting the integrity of the network and Provider's Internet access service through reasonable network management practices. Provider may collect equipment information to identify the equipment customer is using on the network, including, but not limited to: equipment type, serial number, settings, configuration and software. Provider may also collect performance information to examine the operation of the equipment, services and applications the customer may use on the network, including, but not limited to: IP addresses URLs. data transmission rates and latencies, location information, security characteristics, and information about the amount of bandwidth and other network resources customer is using in connections with uploading, downloading or streaming data to and from the Internet.

Network traffic, activity, performance information, and equipment information monitored or collected by Provider is done for the sole purpose of reasonable network management purposes.

Provider is required to comply with relevant laws, regulations and judicial orders. Information covered under this Privacy Policy, as well as other categories of information, may be disclosed to third parties if Provider determines, in its sole discretion, that such a disclosure is necessary or required to protect our interests or the interests of our customers. Provider may also disclose this information in conjunction with the sale of our business.

Redress Options

The Provider's network management practices as discussed herein are intended solely to provide the best online experience possible for all of Provider's customers by safeguarding our network and its users from spam, viruses, phishing, and other unwanted or harmful online content and activities. Provider's network management practices are not intended, nor implemented, to block consumers from accessing the content and applications of their choice, deprive consumers of their entitlement to competition, or discriminate against or in favor of certain network traffic. End users with questions, concerns or complaints regarding Provider's network management practices are encouraged to contact Provider for issue resolution.

Contact Us

If you have any questions regarding Provider's Network Management Practices Policy or would like to file a complaint with Provider regarding its network management practices, please contact Provider at:

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PO Box 157, Highmore SD 57345
Phone Number: 605-852-2224
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Further, if you believe that Provider is in violation of the FCC's Restoring Internet Freedom Declaratory Rules, Report, and Order, you may file either an informal or formal complaint with the FCC.

<http://esupport.fcc.gov/complaints.htm>

Additional Disclaimers

The FCC's Restoring Internet Freedom Declaratory Rules, Report, and Order, as adopted, and Provider's Network Management Practices Policy are not intended to affect, alter or otherwise supersede the legal status of cooperative efforts by broadband Internet access service providers and other service providers that are designed to curtail infringement in response to information provided by rights holders in a manner that is timely, effective, and accommodates the legitimate interests of providers, rights holders, and end users.

Furthermore, the FCC's Restoring Internet Freedom Declaratory Rules, Report, and Order, as adopted, and Provider's Network Management Practices Policy do not prohibit Provider from making reasonable efforts to address the transfer of unlawful content or unlawful transfers of content. For additional information, please review Provider's Acceptable Internet Use Policy/Subscriber Agreement at:

[Acceptable Use Policy | Venture Communications Cooperative, Inc.](#)