

Net neutrality vote didn't end the debate

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In approving strong net neutrality regulations, the Federal Communications Commission fulfilled a decadelong desire by public interest advocates, technology firms and Democrats to tighten government oversight of the Internet to prevent abuses by broadband service providers.

ANALYSIS But the agency's closely watched decision on Thursday didn't end the debate. Not even close.

The partisan divide over net neutrality – reflected in the FCC's party-line 3-2 vote – highlighted the passions on both sides of the arcane technology policy concept and showed that final resolution of the issue still could be years away.

Here's what's coming next.

Only the five FCC commissioners and some agency staffers have seen the 317-page net neutrality order, which prohibits broadband providers from blocking, slowing or selling faster delivery of legal content flowing through its networks.

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