Three River Telco and Three River Communications

Network Management Policies and Practices

This Network Management Policy and Practices Disclosure is provided pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's "Open Internet Rules" found at Part 8 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The policies and practices of Three River Telco and its subsidiary Three River Communications (hereinafter referenced collectively as "Provider") regarding network management practices, performance characteristics, and commercial terms are provided here so that 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 to which its network management practices may affect those services.

A. <u>Network Management Practices</u>

In the interest of providing the best online experience possible for all of our internet access 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 ensure proper use and enjoyment of the internet by all of its customers. By engaging in reasonable and responsible network management, Provider prevents its customers from being subjected to the negative effects of spam, viruses, security attacks, network congestion, and other risks that threaten to degrade the internet service experience. Provider's network management practices, as set forth below, are consistent with industry standards.

Provider will not unjustly or unreasonably prevent or interfere with competition among content, applications, service, or device providers. We use various tools and industry-standard techniques to manage our communications network and deliver fast, secure, and reliable internet access services. We believe in complete transparency and provide the following disclosures about our network management policies and practices:

1. Blocking: Provider does not block or discriminate against lawful content.

2. Throttling: Provider does not throttle, impair, or degrade lawful internet traffic based on content, application, service, user, or use of a non-harmful device.

3. Affiliated Prioritization: Provider does not favor any internet traffic applications over others and has no plans to do so.

4. Paid Prioritization: Provider does not favor or prioritize any internet traffic applications in exchange for paid or in-kind consideration intended to benefit particular content, applications, services, or access devices.

5. Congestion Management: Congestion of the Provider's network is rare but does occur. When it occurs, our internet subscribers may experience decreased

speeds/performance, but bandwidth is allocated fairly and in an "application agnostic" way (without regard to protocol, application, or the service the subscriber chooses to access through their internet access service).

6. Application Specific Behavior: Provider does not make use of any applicationspecific network management practices. We do not favor, modify, inhibit, rate control or block any specific protocols, protocol ports or fields, or any applications or classes of applications, while reserving the right to block ports as necessary to protect the network and its users.

7. Device Attachment Rules: Customers must use PPPoeE to authenticate point-to-point connections between devices on the network. Provider does not specifically limit device types for attachment to its network, but does not guarantee the functionality of third-party devices for such access. 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 not be harmful to the Company's network.

8. Network Security: Provider offers its customers unrestricted access to lawful content, services and applications available on the internet. We take various industry-standard measures to safeguard our network and the broader internet from harm or disruption, including protection against Distributed Denial of Service (DDos) attacks, phishing, spoofing, and other forms of unwanted or harmful online content and activities. In those instances where through our network management practices we identify online content as harmful or unwanted, the content may be prevented from reaching customers, or customers may be given an option to identify or inspect flagged content first to determine if it is harmful or unwanted. Our goal is to ensure the network's reliability and availability by countering any malicious traffic that could compromise it. Provider reserves the right to take any action deemed necessary, including suspending or terminating service to subscribers who engage in activities that violate our Internet Service Terms of Agreement or Acceptable Use Policies/Practices which can be found at https://threeriver.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Internet-Subscriber-Agreement-Three-River-Telco.pdf

B. Network Performance

Provider primarily offers its broadband internet access service via Fiber-to-the-Premises ("FTTP") technology utilizing fiber optic lines to deliver telephone and data services. Fiber optic technology has the capability to deliver symmetrical speeds and capacity to transmit an indefinite amount of data, allowing subscribers to receive better quality voice and data transmission services at their residential and/or business locations. Currently, within certain Provider areas broadband internet access is provided through DOCSIS cable modem technology running on a hybrid fiber coaxial cable (HFC) architecture. As compared to FTTP, broadband speeds for the cable modem – HFC based services may be asymmetrical, meaning that download speeds (from the internet) are greater than upload speeds (to the internet). The advertised speeds for all

Provider internet access services are the maximum speed achievable with the specific technology utilized for the broadband service offering subscribed to. Provider makes every effort to support advertised speeds and will dispatch repair technicians to customer sites to perform speed tests as needed to troubleshoot and resolve speed and application performance that may be caused by its network. We measure availability, latency, and aggregate utilization on the network and strive to meet our internal service level targets. Based on internal testing using platform specific test protocols, the mean upload and download speeds are typically the advertised speed plus or minus ten (10) percent. This internal testing also indicates a mean round trip latency to local ports of 70 milliseconds for the FTTP based services and 280 milliseconds for the cable modem - HFC based services.

It is important to note, however, that bandwidth speed at which a particular distant website or other internet resources may be downloaded, or the speed at which your customer information may be uploaded to a distant website or internet location is affected by some factors beyond Providers' control, including for example: the speed of the connection from a distant web server to the internet; congestion on intermediate transport networks, the limitations of your computer or other electronic devices, fixed or wireless accessing the internet; or your wireless router/WiFi equipment. In addition, your internet service performance may be adversely impacted by the inside wiring at your premises. Accordingly, you, the customer, must consider the capabilities of your own equipment when choosing and using our broadband internet service. The computers, wireless devices, or other networks in your homes or offices may need an upgrade to take full advantage of your chosen Provider's broadband plan. Provider does test each service for actual and expected access speeds at the time of network installation to demonstrate that the service can support the advertised speed.

All Provider broadband internet access services are provided by either a fiber-to-thepremises (FTTP) connection or a hybrid fiber coaxial connection. The particular technology use for your service will be based upon the nature of Provider's network in your geographic area. The equipment required to connect a device to the internet depends on the type of technology employed to provide the service.

C. Commercial Terms Pricing

In order to meet the usage and budgetary needs of all of our customers, Provider offers a good selection of broadband internet access plan options. To see Provider's current promotions and pricing on broadband Internet access service, please visit our website at <u>www.threeriver.net</u> which includes Broadband Labels for each of our broadband Internet access offerings or call 866-569-2666 to speak with a customer service representative. Provider's internet service is priced on a flat-fee basis (plus taxes). Provider does not charge end users a usage-based fee for such services. The information on our current Broadband Labels is also available in a "machine readable" spreadsheet form at <u>https://threeriver.net/broadbandlabels/</u>

D. Privacy Policy

Please refer to our full Privacy Policy on our website: <u>https://threeriver.net/privacy-policy/</u>

Disclaimers

The FCC's Internet Freedom "Transparency" rule provisions found at 47 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) section 8.1, as adopted, and this Privacy Policy are also not intended to affect, alter or otherwise supersede the legal status of joint efforts by broadband internet access service providers like Provider and other service providers that are designed to curtail copyright infringement in response to information shared by copyright holders and/or their agents that is timely, effective, and is designed to accommodate the legitimate interests of service providers, copyright holders, and internet access end users. Furthermore, neither the FCC's Internet Freedom Transparency rules nor this Privacy Policy are intended to prohibit or prevent Provider from engaging in reasonable efforts to address the transfer of unlawful content or unlawful transfers of content over its communications network. For additional information, please review activities that violate our Internet Service Terms of Agreement or Acceptable Use Policies/Practices which be found https://threeriver.net/wpcan at content/uploads/2022/03/Internet-Subscriber-Agreement-Three-River-Telco.pdf

E. Contact Us

End users with questions, concerns or complaints regarding this Network Management and Privacy Policy are encouraged to contact Provider for more information or explanation.

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If you believe that Provider is acting in violation of the FCC's Restoring Internet Freedom rules, you may file either an informal or formal complaint with the FCC. More information can be found at <u>http://esupport.fcc.gov/complaints.htm</u>