

Washington - Today the House Energy and Commerce Committee approved a measure backed by Rep. Lee Terry to overturn the network neutrality rules submitted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

The retail availability of Internet access service has historically been treated as an unregulated information service under Title I of the Communications Act. However, in December, the FCC adopted rules allowing the federal government to regulate how fixed and mobile broadband carriers provide access to content, applications, services, and devices among other mandates.

The action taken today is the first step to nullify the agency rules. The measure must now be approved by the full House and Senate.

"The Internet is a vibrant, open, and growing part of our economy because it has been free of the federal government's intervention. The FCC has failed to justify these rules, which threaten to slow our economy and create more uncertainty for Internet providers and users alike," Terry said.

