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*Who would have thought Canadians, like the Chinese,
would have government restrictions - denying them access to online media?*

Halton: As more and more Canadians begin to explore the vast array of FREE online media that's abundantly available for streaming to many of the new 'home theater systems', they begin to discover how the CRTC regulations are imposing access restrictions upon what Canadians can access, online.

Other CRTC rulings regarding wireless telecommunications, ISP (Internet Service Provider) Net Neutral issues are inspiring groups and petitions to form, demanding that the Canadian government dissolve the CRTC, whose board members are industry related/commercial telecommunication executives.

Summary and analysis of latest CRTC decisions: Traffic management practices and Usage Based Billing:
"While the traffic management framework provides effective guidelines on paper, there is no definitive expectation or legal requirement for the ISPs to follow these guidelines effectively and in favour of the customer. Additionally, there is a great deal of uncertainty regarding customer complaints. What scope will be applied to the review of these complaints? What process is in place to ensure that complaints are handled in a fair and timely manner?"

The latest decision on usage based billing is certainly a relief to wholesale ISPs and end user customers since it recognizes that there are major concerns with the implementation of UBB however it still provides uncertainty with the resolution of these issues in the final determination. Finally, it is very disconcerting that the implementation of UBB on wholesale customers provides a competitive disadvantage and allows Bell to provide competitively superior offerings such as bandwidth usage insurance."

Dissolve the CRTC

Canada's Internet Explained (Video)

Denied the right to watch TV online? You've been geo-blocked (Toronto Star)

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