

# Development Authority of the North Country

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## TELECOMMUNICATION DIVISION INTERCONNECTION POLICY

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## SECTION 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Development Authority of the North Country (Authority) operates an Open Access Telecom Network in northern New York State. One of the founding objectives of the network was to allow service providers to use the network on an open and equitable basis. This policy defines the interconnection requirements of the Authority.

## SECTION 2.0 PURPOSE

- 2.1. The Telecom Division is also referred to as the Open Access Telecom Network (OATN) and from its inception the mission has been to provide equitable connectivity for all customers and to operate the network in an open and fair manner.
- 2.2. Several of the grants that the Authority has been awarded, including the recent National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Middle Mile Grant, require a description of network openness, including information on how the Authority will provide non-discriminatory interconnection and network management.

## SECTION 3.0 POLICY STATEMENT

The Authority's middle mile fiber backbone meets and complies with the NTIA non-discrimination and network interconnection policies.

Non-discrimination - The Authority will meet or exceed the requirements set forth by the federal Communication Commission's Internet Policy Statement, FCC 05-151, adopted August 5, 2005, regarding nondiscrimination, and will actively encourage broadband deployment and the preservation and promotion of the open and interconnected nature of the public internet.

Network Interconnection - The Authority's predominantly middle mile service offering will be high-capacity, point-to-point private line transport services. The Authority will not manage or limit the content of communications traffic transiting the Authority's network, except to the extent necessary to maintain reliable service.

The Authority's network management practices will not involve preferential routing of traffic on the basis of content or provider. The Authority will utilize neutral traffic routing, and will enable connections to other carriers and to the public internet.

The Authority currently provides Points of Presence/Interconnection (POP) at several central offices, as well as Tier 1 Internet POP locations.

The Authority will continue to interconnect with other carriers to exchange traffic at these locations and other network nodes. The Authority will negotiate with bona fide requesting parties to use facilities constructed to support this project to sell those parties wholesale transport services on negotiated, equitable and commercially-reasonable terms and conditions.

## SECTION 4.0 RECORD OF REVISION

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