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Mr. William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, Room 222
Washington, DC 20554

REF: Billed Party Preference 92-77

Dear Mr. Caton:

We wish to submit our request that you not allow the referenced rule change to take place. Our airport is part of a municipal corporation, an enterprise fund, which must survive on its own revenue. This is another revenue which contributes to our overall well being and financial stability. Every contribution to our customer service is important to us, and to our tenants. In every situation, the policy should be to do the right thing for the customer. We strongly urge you to reject the Billed Party Preference.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on BPP.

Sincerely,

John J. Gebhart
Aviation Administrative Services Manager

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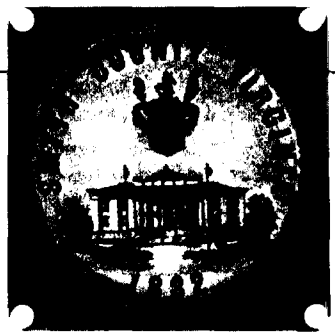

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Dear Sir/Madam:

I trust this letter finds you well. I am writing to you because of my concern for a pending regulatory issue called Billed Party Preference. This regulation states that the person being billed for the call, (in this case the inmates attorney, family, friends, etc.) is the only one who can determine what telephone company handles the call. It is designed to eliminate the providing of collect calls by a single phone company, such as the current provider of our inmate phone system, which is most satisfactory.

Multiple phone companies that we are not contracted with, will be able to handle calls from our phone system, this will dramatically reduce our provider's ability to control calling from our jail. They will not be equipped to handle inmate calls and most likely may not be aware that the calls are coming from a correctional facility, resulting in fraud. Also it will reduce inmate phone commissions we now receive and our control of inmate calling will be lost.

We must not lose the following features our inmate phone system now provides.

A: Victim and witness harassment prevention.
B: On site phone system supervision by facility personnel.
C: Phone number blocking capability.
D: Call duration capability.
E: Inmate phone system commissions.
F: Collect-only system capability.

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G: Reduced budgetary costs to not having to pay for inmate calls.

I strongly oppose the BPP and encourage you to do the same.

Every consideration you may give this most important matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

John Grubb

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RE: Billed Party Preference
For 0+ InterLATA Calls

Dear FCC Members,

I have been made aware of a pending regulatory issue that needs to be stopped as it would affect the way Sheriff's Departments along with other Law Enforcement Agencies and Correctional Facilities in the way our inmate phone system is currently handled.

The issue is called Billed Party Preference. Billed Party Preference, (commonly referred to as BPP), is a regulation that states that the person being billed for the call, (in this case the inmates's attorney, friends, family, etc.), is the only one who can determine what telephone company handles the call. Basically it is specifically designed to eliminate the providing of collect calls by a single phone company, such as the provider of our current inmate phone system.

What will happen is that many and multiple phone companies, that I am not contracted with, will be able to handle calls from our phone system. This will dramatically reduce our inmate phone provider's ability to control calling from our facility.

If the collect call recepient chooses another company, other than our inmate phone company, this company will most likely not be equipped to handle inmate calls. It will most likely also not be aware that the call is coming from a correctional facility, resulting in fraud. This also results in large lost revenue to our inmate phone company making it impossible for them to continue our service in the manner we select and with the benefits we currently have. Particularly, it will reduce our inmate phone commissions substantially at best and our control of inmate calling. Three other particular areas that will be affected to our detriment, namely:

1. We will lose blocking control of our inmate phone calls.

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2. We will lose a revenue stream and the inmate family phone costs could go up.

3. The potential for fraud will creep back into the system.

Along with these major concerns, I also see a problem with who is going to pay for all this?

I eagerly oppose the BPP and encourage the FCC to do the same.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Donald J. Charlevoix

Donald J. Charlevoix, Sheriff

c/c Congressman Bart Stupak
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Vice President Al Gore