

**From:** Scott Charles Burg <scottyz@goodnet.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/10/96 12:59pm  
**Subject:** Per minute charge for Internet access

Kim  
8775

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Dear Sirs:

I am very concerned about the article that I read in my local newspaper this morning regarding a possible per-minute fee for internet access to be charged to providers by local telephone companies. I already pay a high fee not to mention several dollars in state and federal taxes for my local telephone service. What will be next, a per-minute fee for local calls on heavy usage days such as Christmas and Mother's Day?

Another concern I have is that the article stated that one of the arguments for fees is that when the exemption was created, the Internet was not a money-making venture and that now it is. Well, the people making money on the Internet are not those of us who are "surfing" it, and they also comprise a very small percentage of users.

I am begging you to not allow this to happen. The Internet is in an exciting state of exponential growth that could only be stifled by such fees. These fees would have to be passed on to regular customers such as myself. Help keep the 'Net moving in the right direction and protect the interests of your taxpayers.

Sincerely,

Scott Charles Burg  
Chandler, AZ

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**To:** fccinfo@fcc.gov <fccinfo@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 11/11/96 2:51pm  
**Subject:** Baby Bell Charge

RM-8775

-- [ From: Tom Furr \* EMC.Ver #3.2 ] --

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Dear Chairman Hundt:

Please do not let the Baby Bells start charging Internet users local access rates by the minute. The Internet has opened the doors of information for the young and old to explore new information and it would be ashamed to restrict access by a Baby Bell tariff. Thank you for your support with this issue.

Sincerely,

Tom Furr

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**From:** Beverley J.Haynes <luhaynes@coffey.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/13/96 9:48am  
**Subject:** Internet

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Dear Sirs:

I am writing because I am distressed by a news broadcast on a Denver television station regarding the major TELEPHONE companies desire to charge Internet users for their time on-line.

I live in rural Wyoming and except for our community of 1000 people, everything else is long distance. Finally, we have local access for Internet.

If you grant the telephone companies the right to charge for this, I fear it will impact many rural users who's only contact with the outside world and all the information there.

I implore you NOT to grant their request!

Sincerely,  
Beverley J. Haynes  
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**From:** Jeff Green <jgreen@mianus.org>  
**To:** A16.A16(rm8775)  
**Date:** 11/13/96 7:17pm  
**Subject:** Re: International Interexchange Telecommunications Via the "Internet"

Federal Communications Commission  
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Good Morning,

Yes, things change and those who should know about these changes are often taken aback when they finally show up.

There is no clear indication that the telecommunications industry was not aware of the impact the internet would have on their systems. They did have a hand in building it in the first place.

Asking internet users to pay on a different scale than other telephone users would be an interesting prospect, one which would certainly put a good deal of money into the pockets of stockholders, but which would do little to hasten a solution to their 1960's era phone systems in a 21st century world. This will come \*when\* they are ready, and no sooner.

It would be even more interesting if they decided to base the rates on who you use for your internet service. My phone company has 'gotten into the game' and is offering internet service. They are in direct competition with hundreds of other providers across the country. Given their possible ability in the future to charge per minute of usage, could you not see them giving steep discounts, perhaps even free service, if you dial a specific list of phone numbers? Their phone numbers.

Okay, call me a conspiracy theorist. I'm not one, really. Just trying to help everyone think this thing through rationally.

If there is anything you can do to keep this out and away from the political process please do so!

Many thanks,

Jeff Green

116B Dean Street  
Stamford, CT 06902-6251

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**From:** William S. Rowell <stdwsr@unx1.shsu.edu>  
**To:** A16.A16(rm8775)  
**Date:** 11/13/96 10:03pm  
**Subject:** RM 8775

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I urge the FCC NOT to allow telephone companies to charge by the minute for Internet connections.

Thank you,  
William Rowell stdwsr@unx1.shsu.edu

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From: <sstaub@felix.scvnet.com>  
To: A16.A16(rm8775)  
Date: 11/13/96 10:38pm  
Subject: International Interexchange Telecommunications VIA the "Internet"

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Federal Communications Commission  
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Please keep access to the Internet as it is. Please say "NO" to the rulemaking known as the "International Interexchange Telecommunications VIA the "Internet". Keep Internet phone access free. Charging for this access will hurt the best means the disabled have for obtaining support and communicating with others who are inflicted with the same illness.

Thank you,

Steve Staub

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**From:** Steven Hanson <stvhans@ix.netcom.com>  
**To:** A16.A16(rm8775)  
**Date:** 11/13/96 11:23pm  
**Subject:** Interexchange Telecomm VIA the Internet

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Dear Sirs,

Please be advised it has come to my attention that telephone service providers are trying to pass legislation whereby Internet access providers would be required to charge users on a minute-by-minute basis.

I would like to express my regret over this matter. I can understand the fear telephone service providers have regarding long-distance calls occurring over the Internet, however, as a long-time user, I feel this fear is totally unjustified. The majority of people who use the Internet do not do so to avoid paying long-distance charges to speak with family and friends. The overwhelming majority of Internet users do so to obtain information quickly and easily in the comfort of their homes. The Internet has been a wonderful experience for our children and, mainly because of its existence, they have learned an infinite amount about computers in general, and improved their overall knowledge due to the access to the many topics available to them. Children, by nature, will take the easiest route to studying and the Internet has made an extreme impact on their lives. If, however, we were suddenly expected to pay a minute-by-minute fee (or something similar), this would take this valuable tool out of the hands of our children.

To summarize, we hereby request that the FCC reject any request by telephone service providers to change the price being charged to persons providing Internet access from a flat fee to a per minute basis.

Your consideration of this matter is greatly appreciated.

Steve Hanson and Judy Hanson stvhans@ix.netcom.com

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**From:** <Zerendipty@aol.com>  
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**Date:** 11/14/96 2:01am  
**Subject:** Charging by the minute for internet service

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Federal Communications Commission  
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Please forward this message to whomever it concerns;

I'd like to make you aware of the concern many of us internet users have about phone companies being able to charge us by the minute for internet access services. In this age of communication, the internet has become an important resource. The things that we can find out on our own by "surfing the web" is amazing. Schools and teachers will benefit greatly by the internet, and do now. I've been able to obtain information about my medical condition that my doctors don't know, saving them money. Obviously, the internet fees aren't costing the phone companies too much. What must we do so that they can not charge us by-the-minute fees? It's important to us to know.

Thank you,  
Melanie

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From: <DaveSwager@aol.com>  
To: A16.A16(rm8775)  
Date: 11/14/96 6:13am  
Subject: Just say no!

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I would like to voice my opposition to per minute charging for Internet connection!

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From: Gayle & Jerry Vitale <vitpa@chesco.com>  
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)  
Date: 11/13/96 1:07pm  
Subject: Internet use charge

Federal Communications Commission  
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I heard that a news broadcast last night from Denver said that the major phone companies are petitioning the FCC to charge Internet users a fee, much like long distance, to use their telephone lines for all their on-line time.

I am writing to implore you NOT to grant the phone companies this request. Such a charge would make Internet use too costly for many users, denying access of this wonderful tool to the kind of users who need it most. One of the main purposes of the FCC is to make sure that individual rights to communication channels are protected, and this certainly would infringe upon those rights.

Sincerely,

Gayle & Jerry Vitale  
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(610)363-8854

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**From:** <ladywife@comteck.com>  
**To:** FCC <fccinfo@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 11/13/96 2:00pm  
**Subject:** Internet access

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

I am opposed to the proposal granting telephone companies the right to charge their customers additional fees for using their telephone service to connect to an internet server. We already pay for our telephone service.

To allow the telephone companies to charge a user fee, surcharge, or whatever obscure label they plan to use to hide the true nature of the

"fee", in my opinion would seem like a violation of free enterprise. If the telephone companies want a piece of the action, let them provide internet access to their customers so we don't have to go through a network server.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul D. Abbott Jr.

8663 East 200 North

Marion IN 46952 TELEPHONE: 317-934-3333 email: ladywife@comteck.com

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U.S. Senator Richard Lugar (Indiana)

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**From:** Greg Hilmas <ghilmas@theriver.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/13/96 2:25pm  
**Subject:** fee

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To Whom It May Concern,

Please, please do not grant the phone companies request to charge internet users a fee for their on line time. We would be charged twice for use of the Internet if you agree to this. Already we have to pay a monthly fee to our servers. And if you are someone who doesn't have unlimited hours, you have to pay for use over your allotted time. It is not right that we should have pay twice for use of this system. The phone companies are just getting greedy and trying to make even more money than they already do.

Please listen to the voice of reason and common sense. Do not let the phone companies start charging for use of the Internet.

Thank you very much,  
Tina M. Hilmas

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**From:** cheryl orgain <ceepceeh@mailserv.maxinet.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/13/96 2:31pm  
**Subject:** Internet Phone Usage Charge

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I am writing to let you know that I am fully against allowing the telephone companies to charge customers a usage fee while they are on the internet.

If I am allowed to talk all day and night using local numbers why should I be penalized if I decide to do my talking on the computer using a local number.

I feel that the internet will only get more popular as time goes by and this is an insulting attempt on the telephone companies part to collect as much money from us as they can before the coax cable market takes their business and makes the phone line systems obsolete.

I sincerely hope you will deny their requests,  
Cheryl Orgain  
Chico CA

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**From:** Linda Voth <lvoth@southwind.net>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/13/96 2:33pm  
**Subject:** access fees

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To Whom It May Concern:

The news last night stated that the telephone companies are requesting permission to charge extra fees for phone line use of the internet. As I look at my phone bill each month, I cannot help but wonder why they would want anymore of my money than they are already getting. Before you grant this request to them, please think of the people that make use of the internet. It is a great source of information for me and my grandchildren. I would hate to have to curb the use of this great resource because of the greed of big business. It would be one thing if the phone companies had to hire large groups of people to handle the extra activity on the line, but almost everything involved in phone companies is now done by computer. So what they are asking for is just another fee to line their pockets because we are making use of their equipment. Believe me, we have already paid and paid and paid for that equipment. Please take into consideration the needs of the people this time.

thank you

Linda Voth

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**From:** Ann or Joan / Montana <firekeep@mcn.net>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/13/96 2:38pm  
**Subject:** NO on extra fees for internet use of phone lines.

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To the FCC

It has been reported that telephone co. are now petitioning to levy extra fees for Internet users time on the phone. I believe we have already paid to use these lines. Now because I find I can do more than talk constantly on the phone, they want to charge me to do it. I am paying a fee to my ISP who is in turn paying for phone lines to use in his business. Am I to pay twice to use the same phone lines, my own and theirs?

The Internet is the closest thing we have to a true democracy and free speech. Don't let commercial interests impede this free exchange of ideas, knowledge and access to the world by those who only see a way to make more money and not have to do anything for it.

Ann Branstetter a concerned citizen of a wonderful country, the United States of America

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**From:** Ruth Reese <mikeruth@erols.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/13/96 3:00pm  
**Subject:** NO-phoneline charge for inter net on-line

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SOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

To whom it may concern:

Please do not authorize the phone companies to charge a fee for on line internet time. The phone companies rates are all ready too high and they should not be able to charge additional money for local calls.

Thank you Ruth Reese

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**From:** Laine Lane <jgocke@trib.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/13/96 4:57pm  
**Subject:** FCC

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Please do not grant the telephone companies the right to charge long distance rates for Internet time on-line. We already pay a monthly fee. We already pay for a separate line. We already pay for the extra electricity required to run our computers, as well as computer costs themselves.

I implore you to deny the telephone company's request.

Sincerely,

Janet Gocke

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**From:** RogueLdr <rogue@ez-net.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(Fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/13/96 5:09pm  
**Subject:** To whom it may concern:

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To whom it may concern:

A rumor has recently been circlating n the Internet that major phone companies are asking that Internet users be charged extra for using the lines.

I would like to raise my voice against this.

The Internet is a tool used by many people for many things. Schools, businesses, and private individuals often can barely afford the charge for an Internet hookup, much less an extra phone line charge.

Charging Internet users extra to use the phone lines is both unfair and unreasonable. We use them for a purpose just as important as talking... perhaps more so. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Brent DeHut

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**From:** <MHubb10676@aol.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/13/96 5:51pm  
**Subject:** Internet Fees

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Federal Communications Commission  
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I wish to express how totally outrageous it would be to allow major phone companies to charge the public for the use of phone lines for internet use.

We all ready pay for line access each month! We also pay maintenance fees and assorted other charges that make these companies extremely profitable.

It is your responsibility to protect us from these kinds of attempts to make exorbitant and unreasonable profits. I feel we would be in effect paying the phone companies twice for the same service. I use the phone line in my office for internet access and pay my bill on time. How I use the line, that I've paid for, should not be an excuse to gouge me further.

Thank you and please protect the public from these multiple monopolies.

Margaret E. Hubbard

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**From:** <CBMCDANIEL@aol.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/13/96 7:04pm  
**Subject:** Re: Internet fees

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Dear sirs:

<< I have learned the major phone companies are petitioning the to charge Internet users a fee, much like long distance, to use their telephone lines for all their on-line time.  
> Granting this request would put the Internet beyond the financial reach of people who most need to use it for education, research and communication.

It would also hurt many businesses that would lose customers who couldn't afford the cost of Web access.

Besides, most users access the Web through a local number, so how could this suddenly be considered long-distance use?

Sincerely,  
Jan McDaniel  
923 Kennington Hills Dr.  
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From: Mary Bolack <mbolack@hortsoft.com>  
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)  
Date: 11/13/96 7:37pm  
Subject: it can't be true!

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I understand that you are considering permitting the phone companies to charge extra fees if we use their lines for internet use. How can you POSSIBLY (yes, I'm yelling) consider such idiocy? I can talk all night, but not use the modem all night? I already pay an outrageous amount of money to two phone companies, neither of which has been able to fix the billing problems on my lines for three years now. I am apalled that you would even entertain such a suggestion, and hope you will tell me that this was just a media mistake.

Please add my letter to your pile of protests to this change, which I'm sure will make up a very tall stack.  
Mary Bolack  
Tulsa, Ok.

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**From:** Ann Schuessler <aschuess@eskimo.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/13/96 8:23pm  
**Subject:** Internet User Fee

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To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to my attention that you are considering charging Internet users a fee for the use of telephone lines. I understand this would be a fee for on-line time. I urge you not to grant this request to the phone companies. Thank you, Ann Schuessler

Ann (ASchuess@eskimo.com) in beautiful Lake Forest Park, WA - just outside Seattle

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**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/13/96 8:58pm  
**Subject:** do not let this happen

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Do not let phone companies charge anything extra for online time!

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**From:** tori <tori@evansville.net>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/13/96 9:28pm  
**Subject:** pleading your support

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Dear FCC,

Please do not grant or support the telephone companies in their request to charge us as a long distant call to use the internet.

sincerely, leta martin  
408 lewia ave evansville.net

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**From:** <toniw@ix.netcom.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/13/96 9:40pm  
**Subject:** Legislation to Allow Telephone Companies to Charge for Internet Access

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Federal Communications Commission  
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I support DENYING the request of the telephone companies to set internet access charges. My experience as a user of telephone company services has, and continues to be negative. We continue to see charges increase both in business and residential uses after being assured that savings would be enjoyed by at least a segment of the population...I've yet to hear about what segment that actually is/was.

Telephone Companies were ill prepared for deregulation and continue to seek means of extorting monies from users while failing compete at any junction.

I feel used and abused by the phone companies. Please do not allow them any new means of abusing me and my fellow users. I don't mind paying for value received...but with the telephone companies I keep paying more and more with little value received.

Thank you,

Toni Whitesell  
1055 Amelia Drive  
Long Beach, CA 90807

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