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**From:** Kitty Dee <kittyz@juno.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/29/96 7:32pm  
**Subject:** rates

I implore FCC not to grant the phone company request to raise the rates for people using the internet.

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**From:** <Jslimi@aol.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 12/1/96 9:42pm  
**Subject:** money

don't seek long distance payment for online use

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**From:** <PilotUry@aol.com>  
**To:** A16.A16(rm8775)  
**Date:** 12/1/96 11:51pm  
**Subject:** TAX FOR ACCESS TO THE INTERNET

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed fee for access to the internet. I believe it would be bad for the net.

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From: FCCINFO  
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("00gfulme@jasper.uor.edu")  
Date: 12/2/96 8:37am

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Your comment is being forwarded for association with the ACTA Internet Phone Petition (RM No. 8775) please make future comments directly to [rm8775@fcc.gov](mailto:rm8775@fcc.gov). An unofficial copy of the Petition is available on our website. You may access it via the FCC homepage at <http://www.fcc.gov> and click on "Common Carrier" under Bureaus/Offices.

>>> Gavin Fulmer <00gfulme@jasper.uor.edu> 12/01/96 03:47pm >>>

Dear Sir or Madam,

I just received an email from a friend that said that the FCC was getting some pressure from phone companies to begin charging for internet access.

Though I am not fully aware of what is being requested, I would like to receive more information, and I would also like to post my hopes that the common citizen will not be charged for phone usage when they are connecting to local area internet service providers. If there is information available it can be sent to me at my email address: [00gfulme@jasper.uor.edu](mailto:00gfulme@jasper.uor.edu)

OR at my mail address:

Gavin Fulmer Box E602  
1231 E. Colton Ave.  
Redlands, CA 92374

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Sincerely,

Gavin Fulmer

CC: rm8775

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From: <DGPickett@aol.com>  
To: A16.A16(m8775)  
Date: 12/1/96 7:45pm  
Subject: ACTA, ISPs, Users

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As a professional observer of the data telecommunications technology for 25 years, I would like to comment, informally, on this proposal.

On the ACTA side, it is questionable for the FCC to force LECs to subsidize AOL, CompuServe, and other large and small but quite profitable Internet Service Providers. One unfortunate side effect is, the practice subsidized a lack of progress in developing a better data infrastructure, by making the old infrastructure far cheaper to ISPs.

On the other hand, a great public good has been done, and continues to be done, by promoting the Internet as a common data infrastructure.

Against the ACTA side, the telecommunications industry has been shameless in mining and perpetuating an outdated rate structure. Many rates seem to have been set up long ago, based on hard wires and analog equipment. Most of that equipment and wiring are merely a memory in the minds of our grandfathers.

Nearly all modern telephony is carried inside entirely digital networks, on digital media including wire, fiber optics, and direct or satellite assisted radio signals, with digital switching and digital media sharing.

When ISDN was developed, AT&T, LDCOs, LECs, ICCOs, and RBOCs had a wonderful opportunity to make this digital network directly available to the user community. But ISDN has been a very minor player, despite its superior fit to the carriers' network substrate. The rate structure has been warped to make ISDN economically inaccessible to its natural user community. Now, the common joke is that ISDN means "I Smell Dollars Now!"

Like many users, to get simultaneous voice and data communications at home, I use 2 POTS lines and an expensive and fantastically complex modem (28,800 bits per second v.34 Adaptive Quadrature Amplitude Modulation, I think) to supply myself with relatively slow data communications, both in speed and setup time. This ties up the telephone infrastructure because it makes data into two uncompressible, continuous audio streams. The telephone infrastructure must change that massive audio load into a far greater amount of digital data than is actually being transmitted, if any, for the entire duration of the communications session.

I would be much happier with ISDN service at the same price, which could use far less telephone network capability, yet achieve faster and more flexible data communications. For users and the telephone industry, this could be a Win-Win change.

Since the basic ISDN offering can be two audio links, or one data link and one audio link, or two data links, I could be using ISDN (on one 'pair', not two) to achieve continuously available data and telephone service. My data could be routed to and from the LEC ISDN terminus to my ISP or other signaled destination, when and if data packets arrive. Telephone calls could be set up by reducing my maximum data rate by half. The telephone call could be handled by new devices, or by traditional telephone equipment tied into my ISDN terminal device. I can be 'hard wired' to a permanent address on the internet, and yet use far fewer telecommunications infrastructure resources.

This use could compliment normal telephone network use, and use currently idle network capacity, as it can flow on a demand and bandwidth available basis. The introduction of ATM networking technology has already shown one way this sharing can work.

I feel that the FCC can use this petition as an opportunity to:

- Get voice and data telecommunications into an appropriate relationship.
- Give the telephone industry relief from excessively subsidized services, which support the internet as a common data interchange interface.
- Give the telephone industry relief from an artificially high facility load, which they inadvertently helped create by failure to promote ISDN.

To do this, they need to move in two complimentary directions at once:

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\* The rate subsidy can be made less desirable for heavy users by making any tariff increase as call duration surcharges. This protects the investment in current user equipment, which can continue to be used, or can be moved to light users through normal social and commercial mechanisms.

\* The ISDN-LEC-LD-ISP relationship can be defined and subsidized, to move the heavy user community off the audio infrastructure. Users can get more value for the same net, total expense. The telephone industry can provide it at less real cost.

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**From:** Chris Fite <cfite@sunset.backbone.olemiss.edu>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 12/2/96 2:08pm  
**Subject:** Phone Companies.

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I recently recieved a rumor that certain phone companies were asking for approval on charging modem users a fee for using the phone lines, much like long distance charges. I now write to you against that idea.

Modem users usually have to pay some nominal fee to use the Internet anyway (system maintenance costs, etc) and adding another fee to their usually large list of bills is an unfair taxation and adds insult to injury. Perhaps the phone company(ies) could/should take the time/money to run fiber optic lines alongside the phone lines. I am sure that many would be willing to pay the extra fee for the almost-instant access that would cost. These ideas are, of course, meager, but I nonetheless, humbly submit them.

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**From:** Aaron Seel <adseel@et.swsc.k12.ar.us>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 12/2/96 11:13am  
**Subject:** Online Fees

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Last night I saw on television where the phone companies are lobbying the FCC to charge online fees for internet users. As a telephone customer and internet user, I want to strongly encourage you to not allow such an action. The internet is a relatively new idea and I agree that the concept has some problems. However, I do not feel the need for the phone companies to profit in addition to my regular phone bill. I pay my bill for phone service and I use my service to dial a modem. Why should I pay an additional fee. I am sorry that the phone company, which has been the center of communication for over 120 years, has found competition for being a communication provider. The internet never intended to take profit away from phone companies. In reality, only phone service customers can connect to the internet. I think the phone companies should thank the internet providers for creating a concept that is very popular and requires phone service to participate. <http://et.swsc.k12.ar.us>

Sincerely,

Aaron Seel  
Assistant Director

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**From:** <OMBACLM@aol.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 12/2/96 11:38am  
**Subject:** Fee's????

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There is a rumor going around that additional rates will be charged for internet usage. Please do not allow this additional rate, the people have supplimented the cost of telephone equipment,poles,lines etc.in their tax's , this is a new forum that was designed for people to communicate and share idea's.I see a greedy Corporation that only see's \$\$\$ signs and is not loosing any additional revenue created from internet usage.So before you make a law look at the fact's and do your homework,all of us are watching.

Bob

You can count on me and at least a million others to protest,mothers and small children will cry, dogs will wimper your inlaws will scream at you if you ignore this warning, you or your family members will be looking for another job if you dont listen.

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