

From: Peace <funnygrl@netcom.com>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 11/20/96 5:57pm
Subject: NO CHARGE

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Dear FCC:

I understand the FCC is planning on charging online time...I am already paying \$20.00 a month plus any regular phone charges for calling in...please do not make life any more difficult. With all the deregulation and loss of the 5-5-10 rule and the Fairness rule and your allowing monopolies and conglomerates to own everything (only 10 conglomerates own EVERYTHING we read see and hear now in the media) please do not make any more stupid decisions.

I would like a response about this as well as why you have allowed deregulation to take place and democracy to be destroyed at your hands.

Sincerely,

Denise Robb
325 S. Cloverdale Ave. #105
LA CA 90036
213-933-9156

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From: Susan Hillery <pooh@flash.net>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 11/20/96 5:59pm
Subject: extra charges

We already pay enough to use the net.
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From: <CajunDTB@aol.com>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 11/20/96 8:01pm
Subject: Adding charges for Internet access

I am sending you email to show my displeasure toward the possibility of a "surcharge" being added to users who get on the Internet.

Please don't do this.

Respectfully,

David T. Broussard
CajunDTB@aol.com

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From: JGB-9357 <jgb9357@infi.net>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 11/21/96 3:30am
Subject: Online fees.

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Hello,

I have heard that there is currently a discussion about the local telephone companys charging online users a fee. I am opposed to this on the surface, but since I have not yet read any detailed information on the subject, I would like to know more before I make a decision. Is there a web site or do you know where there might be some in-depth information about this situation. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jason Bush

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From: Sharon Jenkins
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("ktippen@cyberramp.net")
Date: 11/21/96 1:47pm
Subject: Chairman's Column Comments -Reply

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>>> <ktippen@cyberramp.net> 11/12/96 12:17am >>>
Kent Tippen (ktippen@cyberramp.net) writes:

To the Honorable Reed Hundt, Dear Chairman, I think that your comments on this page are aimed in the right direction. I have two companies, the first is an export finance company and the second is a an internet content development company. I truly believe that the Local Phone Company Providers have made large profits (according to my research 4.5 billion in excess profits last year.) and in the case of Southwestern Bell Company invested their profits in Mexico and other areas while leaving my City Dallas Texas (the Telecommunications Capital of the World) behind other cities in development and usage of the available digital technologies. And now I am reading that they (the phone companies) are asking for a per minute charge on usage of Internet Access. The local provider Southwestern Bell opened their Internet Access provides on the second of October 1996, and they do have a large customer base to solcit from after they have watched how the other providers have operated !

in our area for several years. I think that given the growing demand and projections for future internet usage that the local phone companies can and will find a way to increase the capabillity of exsisting networks. And also find a way to increase and expand future networks. I mean how many times do we as consumers have to pay again and again for the same exsisting networks while letting them take large profits and use them for expansion in other states and countries while leaving local networks declining. After using a provider that charged by the minute and switching to a flat based charge , I as a small business person have been able to not only been able to increase my usage, but through my research develop a business that enhances my local and state economy, and creates trade oportunities for Texas Exporters. As my development company grows it is my belief that a per minute charge would stifle my business and the business of my clients and slow the growth that we hav!

e achieved so far. I think that other entites in competition with the

local providers will cause a great revolution in the way the small and midsize companies operate and grow, which will only drive the U.S. economy to a higher level. I think it will also change the way we do business with the rest of the world. Please let the small business world compete with the large fortune 500 companies, for with more bandwidth and the forth coming techonologies the small business world will be able to compete. I again think that your vision and direction as shown on this page is headed to the right path. I also thank you for the chance to give you my comments.
Kent Tippen

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Date: 11/21/96 1:49pm
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>>> <leasharon@aol.com> 11/11/96 10:47am >>>
sharon anderson (leasharon@aol.com) writes:

I'm very concerned with the claims made by the local telephone companies that internet use is causes an overloading of their circuits and they must charge providers more for the use of their lines. If I understand this issue the problem is the phone companies want to up grade to digital lines and to pay for part of that up grade they want to charge the internet providers an access fee like they do long distance companies. If that is correct then universal service goes out the window. For if the cost of internet use is a per minute charge then most will not be able to afford the service we created

Is the FCC connecting the good of universal service with the cost of that service?

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From: Chris Stefanovich <prevue@intellistar.net>
To: 'rm8775@fcc.gov' <rm8775@fcc.gov>
Date: 11/21/96 2:21pm
Subject: Phone Charges for Internet use

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I am definitely against this idea of charging long distance for internet = use.

First, I'd like to know how they will measure this usage, very often I = don't know where a webpage is "located". I recently saw a tagline for a = fellow in sweden and his url was patric.com.

Second, my understanding is that the ISP is paying for the use of those = lines. So now that the Phone company sees how its being used and how popular = the internet is becoming they want more. Sounds like they want to = change a contract, if I recall my business law - you need apporval from = both sides.

Third, if the phone companies want more they should set-up their own = superfast network and get subscribers to pay them. The American Way - = find a market need and fill it!

Thank you and please put me on any mailing list for future = announcements.

Chris Stefanovich prevue@intellistar.net

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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("mark@cheers.jsc.nasa.gov")
Date: 11/21/96 11:21am
Subject: Hello and comments -Reply

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>>> Mark Manning <mark@cheers.jsc.nasa.gov> 11/21/96 01:10pm >>>

First I would like to welcome the FCC to the Internet and to say that I am personally glad to see the FCC up and about on this medium. It makes it a lot easier to interact with the FCC when the FCC is made easily available to everyone.

That said, I would like to comment on the problems which Bell Atlantic and other phone companies are having with the burden which Internet access is causing with phone lines.

Heavy usage of phone lines is one of the main reasons why such things as 911, 411, et al may not work at any given time. This is deplorable - and yet - it was already beginning to happen due to the heavy use people were beginning to make of the phone lines already established. I point to the fact that after any major disaster it is next to impossible to call anyone within the disaster area because of the number of phone calls which are being placed to that area. There have been times when I personally have not been able to place calls to different areas simply because of the high volume of phone traffic. So the internet has simply added yet another burden to an already overburdened, outdated, set of phone lines.

So should companies such as Bell Atlantic be allowed to charge its customers on a minute by minute basis? Definitely not. Bell Atlantic (as well as any other phone company) already charges both parties a fee for the usage of their phone lines. These fees have never in the past said anything about placing a limit on how long a person might use the facility. Thus, it is "ok" for someone to talk on a phone for hours at the time. But it is not "ok" for someone to talk via a computer over the phone for hours? Why? Simply because the phone, which they are already paying for, is being actually used? Does this mean that we are supposed to buy a phone and then not use it? If the phone companies were selling us, its customers, something less than full usage of a phone for the full 24 hours a day, seven days a week, on a month to month basis - THEN - and only then would they have the right to say we should pay on a timed basis. But then, the timed basis would have already been figured into the cost. Thus, what the phone companies are really saying is - we want a price hike. Not because some of us use computers and some of us are just talking over a phone line. But simply because they wish to have a method or reason to charge its customers more money for the same services. This is not fair and should not be tolerated.

For decades the phone companies have installed the same type, the same quality, the same OLDER technology in the ground, on telephone poles, in offices, houses, and their own companies across the United States. It wasn't until the deregulation that other phone companies sprang up and began to offer newer technology. Now these same companies who have fought against change are saying they can not survive because of their shortsightedness. They are scrambling to place optical fiber lines into the ground even though optical fiber technology has been around since the sixties. I think it is time the FCC told these whiners to quit their whining and to try figuring out a better way to run their lines (doing it by hand is not the best way to do this). A better way to handling the phone calls (why not try redesigning the switching networks so they can handle more calls? Tell them to get out of using 8bit words - go to 128 or 512 bit words). A better way to deal with the amount of information which needs to be moved over a single line (greater usage of broad band phone lines rather than the normal two wire cable).

It is true that it will cost millions to make these changes. It is true that it will take millions of man hours to lay these cables. But it is just as true that the phone companies could work together to lay a single set of high capacity lines which all of the companies could use. This would eliminate the duplication of effort, the problems of one company cutting another company's cables, and other such things. It would also share out the burden of the placement of cables across the United States. It would also speed up the upgrade to fibre optics which the entire United States must go to.

Turning back to the problem I started talking about - the real problem is not that the phone lines are overburdened but that the phone companies have as of yet to catch up to and exceed the demands being placed on their systems. This is due to most phone companies using outdated equipment. Analog connection devices have to be replaced by digital equipment. Further, the digital equipment needs to use a broader bandwidth than 8bits - it needs at least 32bit but 128 or 512 would be better. Phone companies need to also find a way to distribute the loads instead of centralizing their network. Similar to how the Internet works - so should their phone equipment.

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I hope this makes sense and that what I have said will be considered when dealing with this issue.

Yours,

Mark Manning

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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("phoenix@jcn1.com")
Date: 11/21/96 11:18am
Subject: Extra charge for the internet... -Reply

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>>> Martin Higgins <phoenix@jcn1.com> 11/21/96 08:49am >>>

...It sounds like sour grapes to me, they can't get into the internet quick enough, so they set it up so that they can offer free line charge to connect through them. Killing the little servers! I protest strongly, I am already charged monthly for the extra phone line, and the access to the net. why should the phone company get more.....

Martin Higgins
phoenix@jcn1.com

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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("tracie@penn.com")
Date: 11/21/96 11:19am
Subject: Charging Internet users for online time - no way Jose!! -Reply

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>>> <tracie@penn.com> 11/21/96 10:03am >>>

Hi, if you start charging a fee I will disconnect, I'm on the Internet 40-75 per week and would never be able to afford the fee, and I'm very sure there would be alot of other people that would discontinue use of the Internet, if you let the phone companies start charging a fee, they already charge a fee to the servers. I very much disagree with such a fee to users.

Traci Marshall

> > >Hi,

> > >On a news broadcast last night from Denver, they 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.

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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("delany@cruzio.com")
Date: 11/21/96 11:20am
Subject: Additional fees for access -Reply

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>>> j&s delany <delany@cruzio.com> 11/21/96 11:14am >>>
November 21, 1996

Dear Federal Communications Commission -

We would like to join with all the voices which urge you most strongly NOT to grant the phone companies' request to impose additional long-distance burdens on Internet users. We pay fees to our servers for the user services, and should not be paying twice - and more - for single services.

The Administration has made very strong statements in support of the information highway and the importance of America's online communications services for our progress as a nation. We feel that imposing the extra fee burdens would be in direct opposition to those principles.

Sincerely yours,

Sheila and Jerry De Lany

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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("sandy@center.org")
Date: 11/21/96 11:17am
Subject: FW: Tele. Co's. and the FCC -Reply

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>>> Sandy Herz <sandy@center.org> 11/20/96 10:53pm >>>

I am responding to the message below indicating that the FCC is considering allowing the phone companies to place a surcharge on phone = line usage for on-line access. =20

For telecom companies, line usage should be no different whether it is = used for voice, fax, TDD or to access the Internet. Their costs are the = same. From my perspective, they are double-dipping -- trying to get = paid twice -- first through a surcharge on line usage and then second = through additional phone line charges as more people require multiple = lines at home and in the office to meet their growing demand. Here in = Silicon Valley, many people have at least 5 telephone numbers they use = -- and pay for -- regularly: home phone, home fax, work phone, work fax, = and cell phone. Add another for Internet access. The telecom companies = already have a market that is many times the size it was 20 years ago. = Given economies of scale, shouldn't that mean service gets cheaper?

Please do not allow any additional charges to be added to our phone = bills -- with all the activity in the telecom industry today, let their = competition determine the price.

Sandy Herz

Members and Friends -

=3DFYI - We received this message with a request to forward it to all on = our list. If the rumors that have been flying around are true it affects all who use the internet.. I removed the majority of the "> symbols", names, addresses and "comments" -

Maryne, Staff Volunteer

>Hi,

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>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 sending you the eMail address for the FCC. Would you please send = this
>message to all your e-mail contacts asking them to write a short = message
>to the FCC in an effort to implore them NOT to grant the phone = companies
>this request?

write to -----> fccinfo@fcc.gov

Patricia (Trisha) LaForge-Keen, A/CHT, Founder
Holistic Therapies Resources, Inc.
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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("wntrwolf@cts.com")
Date: 11/21/96 11:16am
Subject: Once again, they strike -Reply

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>>> <wntrwolf@cts.com> 11/20/96 08:11pm >>>

It has come to my attention that several major phone service carriers are petitioning the FCC to allow them to charge internet users for the use of long distance lines while they are logged on. This is, in point of fact, charging TWICE for the same service. Long distance carriers charge Internet Service Providers (ISP), and any other organization that uses Leased Line Service, for the lines...thus Leased Line. If they begin charging the users of said service or organization, they are charging twice for the same service. I implore you not to allow the Phone Companies to do this...I seriously doubt that the small percentage (in relative comparison to the general population) of people who actually use the internet on a regular basis (myself included in that number) are causing the Phone Companies any financial hardship...and I for one will not pay twice for service. I pay my ISP for my internet service...I'm not about to pay the phone company they lease their lines from as well.

A Concerned Netizen,

Mario R. Delgado II

wntrwolf@cts.com

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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("johnson@winthrop.slic.com")
Date: 11/21/96 11:16am
Subject: Internet Service providers and Phone companies -Reply

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>>> Sue Johnson <johnson@winthrop.slic.com> 11/20/96 08:38pm >>>
Dear Sir or Madam:

I was very distressed recently to read that the phone companies are petitioning the FCC so that they can raise/change prices to the internet service providers. In effect, this means raising the price to the consumers. Once again the consumer stands to be the loser.

Now, just when the internet has become an affordable research tool, truly affordable communication means for families living at opposite ends of the country or around the world, to say nothing of the entertainment value, the consumers are once again faced with the prospect with not being able to afford the product.

I know that many of our local schools are given free internet access by the local internet service provider. This has been a great research benefit for the students. Especially those who are not fortunate enough to have this at home. If the internet service providers are forced to raise their fees, they will probably be forced to start charging the school districts.

The phone companies are already making too much money for the services they provide. While the deregulation of the phone companies was suppose to benefit the consumer, I really can't say it has benefitted me with lower prices. My phone bills aren't any lower. Plus consumers have the additional worry of having their long distance provider changed by slamming methods.

I really hope that the FCC will consider the everyday American and their wallets before they give in to the money/power hungry phone companies.

Thank you for your consideration of my opinion.

Sue Johnson

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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("ttanaka@kicu.com")
Date: 11/21/96 11:11am
Subject: Re: phone company charges for internet use. -Reply

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>>> Tanaka, Trent <ttanaka@kicu.com> 11/20/96 03:54pm >>>
Please do not allow the phone company to charge internet users an
additional fee.

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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("MannR@ronmann.com")
Date: 11/21/96 11:11am
Subject: FEE RUMOR -Reply

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Office of Consumer Protection

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>>> Ronald L. Mann, Ph.D. <MannR@ronmann.com> 11/20/96 04:30pm >>>

I have heard that there is some discussion regarding charging a fee for online use with the Internet. I strongly encourage you not to do this.

Ron Mann, Ph.D.

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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("fuzygod@gte.net")
Date: 11/21/96 11:12am
Subject: NOT COOL!!!!!!! -Reply

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>>> Tina Brooks <fuzygod@gte.net> 11/20/96 05:02pm >>>

To whom it may concern,

I must protest against this petition on allowing the phone companies to CHARGE the Internet users a fee. It is bad enough that they are charging OUTRAGOUS PRICES for regular calls and also for long distance, but to allow them to charge for the Internet is just plain wrong.

Thank you for your time.

Tina Brooks

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From: FCCINFO
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Date: 11/21/96 11:13am
Subject: Concerned User -Reply

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>>> <c2mxlucas@fre.fsu.umd.edu> 11/20/96 06:21pm >>>

I am writeing you concerning a rather disturbing message that I recieved today.

It seems that a Denver station broadcasted a notice stateing that local phone companies were petitioning the FCC to start chargeing internet users for use of their lines. I think that this is a unfair proposal. Many users rely on the Internet for educational and recreational reasons. The issueing of such billings would greatly decrease the lack of net use do to cost factors. Please

do not grant such a request, for the sake of the net and the public alike.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

Darren Lucas

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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("dwalker@interaccess.net")
Date: 11/21/96 11:13am
Subject: LEAVE THE INTERNET ALONE -Reply

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>>> Diane Walker <dwalker@interaccess.net> 11/20/96 06:31pm >>>
Someone shared this with me:

On a news broadcast last night from Denver, they 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 sending you the e addy for the FCC. Would you please send this message to all your e-mail contacts asking them to write a short message to the FCC in an effort to implore them NOT to grant the phone companies this request?

fccinfo@fcc.gov

I think this is an outrage. I think DO NOT grant the phone companies request. I would NEVER vote for anyone that would try to do anything like this. We pay enough taxes now and I've just about had it. It's getting pretty old. Let's see some TAX cuts and spending curves.

Thank you
Diane Walker

Diane Walker ===== > Why not FIRE YOUR BOSS? <===== dwalker@interaccess.net Reply with
subject FIRE to find out how!
813-988-3642

YOUR SUCCESS is my number one priority! <http://www.interaccess.net/~dwalker> (Life Plus)

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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("jnjdev@azstarnet.com")
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From: Jane & Jeff Godfrey <jnjdev@azstarnet.com>
Date: 11/20/96 03:51pm

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>>> Jane & Jeff Godfrey <jnjdev@azstarnet.com> 11/20/96 03:51pm >>>

I've heard the phone companies want to charge internet users a fee for their on line time. This is just plain greed.
JUST SAY NO!

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To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("Mbembe@aol.com")
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>>> <Mbembe@aol.com> 11/20/96 03:23pm >>>
I am opposed to fees for use of the internet.

The net is too vital to be restricted in this way.

Thank you.

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>>> Don Schwartz <tragerd@trager.com> 11/20/96 01:50pm >>>

I am writing to object to telephone companies charging any more than they already charge now for Internet connections. It is time for our society to organize itself in such a way that change can happen without entrenched interests slowing that change down, or reducing the change's potential positive impact. For instance, look how long it is taking to get HDTV. I hope I still have sight by the time it becomes truly available to the American public.

Again, I object to any further or additional telephone company or governmental charges for Internet connections.

Don Schwartz, Ph.D.
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