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**From:** <mtcomp@theoffice.net>  
**To:** A16.A16(rm8775)  
**Date:** 11/21/96 9:25am  
**Subject:** long distance phone charges on the net

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Office of Secretary

I do not agree with charging long distance charges for internet. This is the main reason people use the net. It is affordable to most. Add long distance charges and most people will not go online. Isn't that one of the main goals, to have EVERYONE connected? The phone company's didn't charge in the past, why now. They just want to jump in on all the media hype about the internet and looking for a way to capitalize on it. They will remove access from the net for the average person. I'm tired of big companies ruining something that is good for most people. People add more phone lines to be on the net. Isn't that benefit enough for them?

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**From:** FCCINFO  
**To:** FCCMAIL.SMTP("joni@pwrnet.com")  
**Date:** 11/21/96 7:29am  
**Subject:** Please Stop The Robbery!!!!? -Reply

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>>> <joni@pwrnet.com> 11/20/96 01:38pm >>>

Dear Sirs,

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 already pay Pacific Bell a flat rate local calling access fee that is higher so that I can enjoy the freedom of UNLIMITED local calling! I have 2 lines (2 numbers) so that I can have a dedicated data line for my computer!! I think it would be unfair to me as a consumer to also charge me a per minute rate to use my line to place a local call with my computer to access the Internet!! UNLIMITED LOCAL CALLING ACCESS is what I am already paying for!! It would be double jeopardy to differentiate between a local call for data transmission and a local call for voice communication!! I would wager that the customers of the Internet Services owned by the Phone Companies - There are several - will be offered a package that allows them UNLIMITED ACCESS to the Internet without paying that per minute fee. This would give the Phone Companies TOO MUCH leverage in gaining market share of the Internet subscriber base!! Please don't break a system that doesn't need fixing??

Please don't allow the phone companies to place this this burden on us?

Thankyou,

A Tax Payer  
Joni Johnson  
Imperial Beach CA

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The SECRET is in being a Good Traveler!!

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**To:** FCCMAIL.SMTP("John\_E..\_Daley.ZIFF-DAVIS@mail2.zd.c...  
**Date:** 11/21/96 7:28am  
**Subject:** request from a citizen -Reply

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>>> John E. Daley <[John\\_E..\\_Daley.ZIFF-DAVIS@mail2.zd.com](mailto:John_E.._Daley.ZIFF-DAVIS@mail2.zd.com)> 11/20/96 01:26pm >>>

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.

As a tax-paying American citizen of voting age, I urge you to reconsider such a decision. The public interest is not served by this action. All it would do is line phone companies already enormous pockets, and prevent competition. Also, it would be a dangerous precedent. What would be next, charging Wall Street more money because stock data is being sent over phone lines?

Please, do not grant the phone companies' request to gouge consumers.

Thank you,

John E. Daley III

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From: FCCINFO  
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("dkkelly@pageplop.com")  
Date: 11/21/96 7:17am  
Subject: Internet Access LD Charges -Reply

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>>> Kelly Freehold <dkkelly@pwrnet.com> 11/20/96 05:07am >>>  
To Whom It May Concern:

In reference to the following message, I would like to voice my opinion.

Being we, the internet users are paying access fee, I do not believe that any additional charges by the long distance companies would be in the full interest of all. It is my belief that the purposed charges are already covered in the access fees alone and this is only an outside means the long distance companies are using to offset the competition in the telecommunication "war" where they are competing for long distance phone service.

In short, I oppose this action.

Cordially,

Duane K. Kelly  
Proprietor - Kelly Freehold

I received this message email and thought it was worth passing on. it costs nothing for us to get involved and could save us all loads of money.

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 eaddy 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

---oOo---Kelly Freehold---oOo---  
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**From:** Steve Howitzer aka Merritt Stone <howitzer@pixi.com>  
**To:** A16.A16(rm8775)  
**Date:** 11/21/96 5:06pm  
**Subject:** Do NOT let the phone companies get away with this!

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

I just heard from one of my regular newsgroups that the phone companies are petitioning the FCC to allow them to charge \$.01 per minute extra for Internet phone calls.

PLEASE DO NOT GRANT THIS PETITION!

There will be no extra service in exchange for this unfair surcharge. In addition, the surcharge discriminates against non-voice telecom users.

Sincerely,

Perry F. Bruns howitzer@pixi.com

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**From:** <BMont20461@aol.com>  
**To:** A16.A16(rm8775)  
**Date:** 11/21/96 4:22pm  
**Subject:** LD charges for Internet Use

Greetings:

I would like to voice my opposition to the phone companies petition to charge long distance rate for Internet use. I am a small business owner and use the Internet extensively for both research and advertising. It would be an extreme hardship to have to pay long distance charges every time I use the Internet.

Respectfully,

Barbara J. Montero  
Front Line Promotions

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**From:** Charles H Jones <chjones@ACSU.Buffalo.EDU>  
**To:** A16.A16(rm8775)  
**Date:** 11/21/96 3:57pm  
**Subject:** Long Distance and Internet

Dear FCC:

I oppose any policy which would charge an individual long distance charges for a local phone call to an Internet Service

Provider. The connections between nodes on the Internet are already paid for by leased lines/etc.. If LD companies want to make more money on telecommunications, let them raise the rates on their current customers (and just watch how long they'll keep them).

Yours,

Charlie Jones

-- We become like that on which our hearts are fixed. Carry your chin in and the crown of your head high.

We are gods in the chrysalis.

--Elbert Hubbard

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**From:** <APLsauce@aol.com>  
**To:** A16.A16(rm8775),FCCMAIL.SMTP("GovtAware-L@citadel...  
**Date:** 11/21/96 3:39pm  
**Subject:** Re: ACTA Internet Phone Petition (RM No. 8775)

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And don't forget this! If the phone companies win and we are charged, that means the phone companies will be collecting more taxes from us.

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**From:** Sara Reyes <sjreyes@gte.net>  
**To:** A16.A16(rm8775)  
**Date:** 11/21/96 3:16pm  
**Subject:** Long distance charges

I totally oppose the addition of long distance charges to be added to internet access charges. I currently use my local telco (GTE) for my internet access as well as the three telephone lines in my house that support this. With an average monthly bill of \$150 (excluding long distance charges) I do not need the extra expense. I feel that GTE is getting enough out of me.

Please VOTE NO or decline the long distance carriers request for additional charges to Internet users.

Thank you!

Sara J. Reyes sjreyes@gte.net

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**From:** FCCINFO  
**To:** FCCMAIL.SMTP("mah44125@glaxowellcome.com")  
**Date:** 11/21/96 2:59pm  
**Subject:** charges by phone companies for internet use -Reply

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>>> Holtz, Matthew A <mah44125@glaxowellcome.com> 11/21/96 01:51pm >>>

It was brought to my attention by a coworker that phone companies are petitioning the FCC for permission to incur charges for internet usage. Please let this note serve as my platform to oppose this idea. Also, please let me know of anything I can do to stop this from happening.

Matthew A. Holtz  
Gyrfalcon@Mindspring.com

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**From:** FCCINFO  
**To:** FCCMAIL.SMTP("rainbow@mhv.net")  
**Date:** 11/21/96 2:55pm  
**Subject:** long distance rates -Reply

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>>> Joyce Kaessinger/Connie Barrett <rainbow@mhv.net> 11/21/96 09:34am >>>

To Whom It May Concern at the FCC,

I understand that the long-distance companies are petitioning you to charge long-distance rates for using the Internet. I am writing this to protest what is clearly just an attempt for these companies to make money.

At present, the Internet is shaping up to become the future of American business, both large and small. In a few years its viability may determine the viability of the general economy. This benefits everyone, not just a few large corporations.

Please say no to ATT et al.

Sincerely,  
Connie Barrett

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Washington, D.C.

**From:** John Lancaster <trapper@ipa.net>  
**To:** A16.A16(rm8775)  
**Date:** 11/21/96 2:53pm  
**Subject:** ACTA Internet Phone Petition (RM No. 8775)

Gentlebeings,

It has come to my attention that the phone companies are attempting to charge long distance rates for Internet access.

I'd like to be on record as being strongly opposed to this.

The phone companies are paid for the use of their lines and, apparently, make a pretty good profit. This appears to be just an attempt to get additional profits without providing additional service.

When I dial in to the Internet, I call a local phone number. The ISP (Internet Service Provider) who provides my access pays for the trunk lines to complete my access, as well as for the local phone lines.

So what is their beef? I understand that the rates for those trunk lines is pretty high already.

It should also be noted that most of these phone companies are either already providing internet access services or have plans in the works to enter that business. Could it be that this is simply an attempt to make it more expensive for their competitors to provide the service?

I suspect this may be the real motive. And I urge that this request be promptly denied.

Sincerely,  
John Lancaster <trapper@ipa.net>

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**From:** Sharon Jenkins  
**To:** FCCMAIL.SMTP("macaulay@bhip.infi.net")  
**Date:** 11/21/96 2:26pm  
**Subject:** Chairman's Column Comments -Reply

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>>> <macaulay@bhip.infi.net> 11/12/96 10:13pm >>>  
Charles Patrick Macaulay (macaulay@bhip.infi.net) writes:

While I applaud the move to competition and agree with access deregulation, I am  
I am very concerned with a recent BERN Communications analysis that said that the local access charge to ISPs  
would be \$56/month per user.

This could hurt the young people just moving into the Web and encouraged to do so by the Government. It seems to  
me that some care should be exercised to ensure that the average users lose their economic ability to use the  
Internet. In other words, don't kill the "golden goose" (the average consumer)!

What steps are you taking to prevent that consequence from occurring?

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**From:** <KIONA@aol.com>  
**To:** A16.A16(rm8775)  
**Date:** 11/21/96 2:46pm  
**Subject:** LD charges for internet usage

I understand phone companies are attempting to place long distance charges on internet usage time. I am most vehemently opposed to this, for the following reasons and more that haven't even occurred to me, I'm sure:

1. I already pay a monthly service fee to use my phone, and I pay long distance charges for calls made to my friends and family. At this time in our electronic information age most of my friends and family still do not have a computer, let alone use the internet. Therefore, I am paying premium long distance charges for all my personal contacts. To impose ldc on internet usage would only induce the isp's to find a way to eliminate the usage of phone lines for the internet all together. Then, the profit that the phone companies expect to receive would be a short-term gouging. Ultimately, their greed would be their loss.
2. ISP's have finally been able to increase technology and customer base to allow for a decrease in service fees. This, in turn, allows more technology to flow worldwide due to lower transmission cpm. If the phone companies were allowed to impose the LDC on internet useage it would cause an immediate and traceable reduction of the technological flow . We could spend years trying to achieve the same level of communication through limited access.
3. I realize that each industry must, indeed, pay for itself by continuously coming up with new technology or new sales approaches. Perhaps the phone companies could cut their overhead by simply establishing themselves as a quality server instead of paying out millions of dollars trying to get consumers to switch companies every other month. Instead of looking for a new avenue of revenue at this time, at the expense of #1 and #2 above, decreasing overhead and ceasing the "phone politics" roulette game they're playing would seem to be more cost effective, more focused towards customer service and satisfaction, and thereby, more profitable.

Sincerely,

Donna J. Park

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**From:** FCCINFO  
**To:** FCCMAIL.SMTP("gollston@horizon.hit.net")  
**Date:** 11/21/96 11:49am  
**Subject:** users fees -Reply

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>>> ROBERT L GOLL <gollston@horizon.hit.net> 11/21/96 11:41am >>>  
Please do not let the phone companies start charging fees for use of the internet.  
Robert Goll

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**From:** FCCINFO  
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**Date:** 11/21/96 12:06pm  
**Subject:** Phone Charges for Internet -Reply

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>>> <Gull001@aol.com> 11/21/96 11:56am >>>

Sirs: PLEASE do NOT allow the phone company to charge for access to the Internet. We are already paying for the use of the phone lines. In addition, most people pay for Internet access through a third party. It would be an UNFAIR triple charge if the phone company charges additional fees.

Internet User

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>>> <jerry@southeast.net> 11/21/96 04:46am >>>  
Edward G. Girard, Ed (jerry@southeast.net) writes:

Dear Chairman Hundt,

I am encouraged by your acute understanding of the internet and the requirements necessary to allow the 'net, and all that it comprises, to grow and become mature!

I am greatly concerned that the Telecommunications Carriers (Telco's, RBOC's, etc)companies (apparently) seem unwilling to fund and build more infrastructure to accommodate all users equally. If they are allowed to reroute "internet traffic" from current local switching resources to long distance switching resources;(as has been reported) that, would seem to be an "unreasonable or anti-trust" action.

I have been following this with great interest and will continue to do so. Hopefully, all participants will benefit equally and be satisfied with the results!

Best Regards,  
Ed <jerry@southeast.net>  
MIS-Systems Administrator

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**Date:** 11/21/96 12:28pm  
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>>> J <jarms@ix.netcom.com> 11/21/96 12:21pm >>>  
Dear FCC Commissioners:

The recent application by telephone operating companies to charge internet users higher fees based on online connectivity time has come to my attention.

As an internet user and one who obtains connectivity via local telephone loops, I am appalled that the telephone operating companies are now trying to extract additional revenues at my expense.

It appears that the phone companies are using increased internet usage as an excuse to gather additional fees in order to upgrade their network infrastructures. The upgrading of the system is something that the phone companies should be planning for anyway...based on their knowledge of future demands. And this upgrading should be paid for using existing cash flow.

Why are internet users being asked to pay more because the phone companies have been incompetent in their efforts to plan for future growth in local loop usage? The internet did not just appear overnight!

Please decline the phone companies' request for this extraordinary fee.

Regards,  
John L. Armstrong  
249 West Hilton Drive  
Boulder Creek, CA 95006

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**Subject:** (Fwd) petition to charge online service thru phone companies -Reply

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>>> William H. Jack <wjack@newhampshire.mv.com> 11/21/96 12:40pm >>>

My goodness FCC folks, what a dumb idea! -- This will cause users of the 'net to either greatly reduce their time on line or, another means of communication will be used. As a person who is "on-line" many hours per month, I pay for an extra phone line. I guess if there is a phone company per hour charge, I will migrate my use to cable modem or (in another 2 years) direct satellite uplink to avoid the phone company hourly fees. Another possibility is the "leasing of copper" to an internet supplier who will also serve as my local phone company. Perhaps we should pay a fee to the phone company for "wire and wire maintenance" and not use the phone company at all for anything else.

----- Forwarded Message Follows -----

**To:** Multiple recipients of list DOWSING <DOWSING@intuition.org>  
**Reply-to:** DOWSING@intuition.org  
**Subject:** petition to charge online service thru phone companies  
**From:** tracie@penn.com  
**Date:** Thu, 21 Nov 1996 06:09:10 -0800  
**Organization:** Intuition Network (415) 256-1137 (voice)

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 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?

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>>> William H. Jack <wjack@newhampshire.mv.com> 11/21/96 12:33pm >>>

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**Date:** Thu, 21 Nov 1996 06:09:10 -0800  
**Organization:** Intuition Network (415) 256-1137 (voice)

Hi all,

Just received this post, No dowsing here, but might be beneficial and would affect all of us that are on as much as me, I'd have to discontinue the Internet, and I could not handle that too well, I'd miss all of you very much.

Love & light

TJ

>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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