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From: Virginia Thomas <asi@TRANSPORT.COM>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 12/5/96 11:15am
Subject: Internet User Fee

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I am writing in response to the plans of major phone companies petitioning the FCC to implement user charges for the internet. I implore you to not bend to their pressure. We already pay expensive provider and site development and maintenance fees. This is another attempt to monopolize a market. If they want to increase, do it somewhere else. We are fee'd and taxed to death already. Virginia Thomas
President

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Subj: "modem tax"
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I've recently been hearing about a "modem tax" that phone companies want to impose on customers and that lobbyist have already started. Please do not allow this if possible. The phone companies are already fat over this new buzz of second phone lines and long distance charges. I would think all the added usage would be to there benifit and they should be smiling.

From a dedicated voter and tax payer

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From: <tylerh@mail.wacom.com>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 12/4/96 8:23pm
Subject: Recent Telephone company request.

I recently heard of a request on the part the telephone companies to the FCC, that would allow them to charge its users for using the Telephone lines for Internet connections, or data transmission via analog modulating devices.

I just want express my opinion on this issue, and its widespread implications. I don't have the time to formulate a lengthy and emotional diatribe to express my feelings, so I will simply say that if such a request were approved, I would be deeply angered by this move.

Students around the nation, as well as many people who have already begun to rely on the Internet as a reliable medium of research and communication will be affected by this. The phone companies already get their fees from the people who pay their phone bills and a flat rate for local telephone access.

People will lose their faith in the FCC as a noteworthy segment of government, and development deep resentment for the department, for taking away one of the increasingly popular recreational activities of this time.

In addition, businesses which have moved to the Internet in hopes of increasing revenue will witness a slowdown in the viewership of their pages as people will fight to conserve the amount of time the spend using the Internet.

Businesses which have long since already been fighting to turn a profit on the WWW will continue to see no viability in the WWW as a form of advertising and evangelism.

Thousands of Americans who have found jobs as WWW content developers and html programmers could feasibly lose their jobs, and whether they realize it or not, have the FCC to blame.

In addition, the computer industry which has cut costs by providing software and information to its customers will no longer be able to promote the internet as a free way to stay update on products and updates.

I suppose these scenarios could be considered a little far fetched, but even on a smaller scale, your approval of this request will have an adverse effect on today's growing internet culture which will not go un-noticed.

In conclusion, remember what happened with the CDA, and save the courts the time, money, and effort that would be needed to nullify your actions anyways.

Tyler Havener
Just another voice.

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