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After watching de-regulation of the TELCO's and mass billing hysteria for the last decade in the telephone industry, I believe that additional charges for using the telephone networks are un-called for. Since the deregulation I have had my phone bill quadrupel WITHOUT any difference in service quality or additional services being offered. I do not believe that our local telephone office has been upgraded in the last ten years - no new services without some kind of price tag attached.

With the changes in the telephone industry from "regulated" to competitive structures, I would think that current plant could be upgraded with out hte local TELCO having to increase prices for their services, especially internet access. They are generating revenue from the installed Internet
Service Provider to cover the additional line usage and connections.

By granting the TELCO's the authority to charge "extra" for Internet Access would be allowing them to fall back on the "regulated utility" syndrome and would prohibit or restrict Internet Accessability to those who can afford it.

Our TELCO charges $0.05 per local call. This was instituted several years ago. Prior to that there were no charges. Also, a single telephone costs about $24 per month, just to have one ($288 per year). These might seem high or low depending where you live and who your phone company is, but for the service I consider it quite high.

I do not agree with the idea that Telephone Companies should be allowed to charge extra for accessing the Internet. I also think that Telephone
Companies already charge too much for too little service and that their current revenues should be able to cover additional circuits that are needed to handel Internet service. They are already collecting from the local Internet Service Provider, so why is it necessary for additional access charges when they are already collecting them?

Thank you for considering my ramblings.

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From: Tom Bunetta <ears@ewol.com>
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Date: 12/9/96 5:49pm
Subject: Internet charges????

What's good for the goose is good for the gander... How about per minute rates on teen lines, and all other calls for faxes (that often run in 10 hour shifts) or would that be KILLING the goose that laid the golden egg?
Thomas Bunetta

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From: Intruder Detection Services <ids@primenet.com>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 12/9/96 11:56pm
Subject: Please DO NOT give your permission

I dont know what is worse, the phone companies asking to double charge for use of their lines or the FCC seriously considering the issue.

The phone companies charge our internet providers an outrages amount for the use of their lines and as a result my provider charges me and every other subscriber a figure that should be enough to cover his cost the the phone company. If the phone company is allowed to charge me as well then I am paying two entities for the use of the same lines. Please dont let them get paid on the front and back end. I know I pay way too much in business long distance as it is.

JAY DYER Intruder Detection Services
Anaheim CA.

On a personal note. I think one hundred BILLION dollars a year profit on residential long distance charges is enough.

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From: Jay Dyer by way of Ivan Shimabukuro <cyberads@compumedia.com> <jdyer@primenet.com>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 12/10/96 2:18am

Is this true what this guy is saying about the Telephone companies and the FCC?

Concerned Consumer and US Citizen

Hello everyone,

I am a summit dealer but I am not writing you about a summit matter. Today I was contacted and informed that the Telephone companies are asking the FCC to let them charge all internet users for use of their phone lines. Thats the same phone lines we are already paying our internet providers for the use of. If the phone companies get their way, we will be paying the internet providers for the use of the internet and paying the phone company for the use of the internet. So that means the internet providers will be paying the phone company and we will be paying both the internet providers and the phone company.

If you dont want this to happen please email everyone you know on the internet as well as writing letters to your senators and representatives.

"PLEASE EVERYONE EMAIL THE FCC, THEIR SENATORS,
AND REPRESENTATIVES AND EXPRESS THEIR VIEWPOINT
ON THIS ISSUE!!!"

If this matter is of no interest to you I am sorry for the inconvenience, I though everyone should know.

Jay Dyer

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From: Tony Noe <lmitps@cowboy.net>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 12/10/96 8:18am
Subject: Double 'Taxation' for Phone Line use for the Internet

As a frequent user of the Internet I was very distressed to hear that there was serious consideration to the proposal to allow phone companies to charge for use of the phone line, which we already pay for as phone users, to access the Internet providers we use, which also charge us for usage.
This double 'tax' is both unwarranted but also unfair.
Hopefully the FCC will simple refuse the idea and let it die the death most ideas do that start out sounding good but upon reflection are seen as idea which go against the ideals we in America hold dear. Double 'Taxation' is not something I would want the FCC to stand for.

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From: James E. Rhea <loneoak@EriNet.com>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 12/10/96 9:22am
Subject: More money??

Im being told that the telephone companies are requesting that their customers have to pay them for the use of the line if it is being used for the internet. I understand that it is an extra fee over and above what is being charged just for an extra line meaning that we would have to pay our servers and the phone company for use of the internet. Tell me that this is not true because the phone company shouldnt be allowed to take advantage of something like this.
Jim Rhea

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From: Joy Moyer <france@franceformer.com>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 12/10/96 9:24am
Subject: DISAGREE WITH PHONE COMPANY INTERNET CHARGES

I DO NOT AGREE WITH THE TELEPHONE COMPANIES' REQUESTS TO CHARGE ALL INTERNET USERS FOR USE OF THEIR PHONE LINES-- INTERNET USERS ARE ALREADY PAYING THEIR ISPS FOR THE USE OF THE PHONE LINES. THIS DOUBLE CHARGING OF THE CONSUMERS WILL NEGATIVELY IMPACT INTERNET COMMERCE, AND HENCE OUR ECONOMY. DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN.

Sincerely,
Joy Moyer ideas4u@tenn.com

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