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**From:** <colejd@ix.netcom.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/24/96 4:27am  
**Subject:** Internet User Fee

Dear Sirs,

On a news broadcast last night, I heard 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.

This is just another method of taxing the citizens of the U.S. I strongly disagree with this plan and urge you reject this plan.

Jeffrey C. Cole  
Research Environmental Engineer colejd@ix.netcom.com colejd@rti.org

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**From:** Leslie B. Hoover IV <hoove@mail.teclink.net>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/24/96 1:34am  
**Subject:** Fee for internet use by phone companes

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing in response to the major phone companies wanting to charge long distance rates to internet users for the use of their lines. I feel there should be no such charge. The long distance companies are making enough money now as it is. I feel that a charge would decrease internet users drastically, and would have the process of communication. Please don't let the greedy phone companies take advantage of Americans. They do it enough now, by the rates they charge for a long distance call. Don't give in to them. Stand your ground!!!!!!

Les

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**From:** Jon Paynter <jonp@parcplace.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/25/96 11:38am  
**Subject:** Email/internet Charges

Dir Sirs,

It has come to my attention that there are plans in the works to charge for connect time to the internet in a manner simmilar to telephone long-distance charges.

A practice like this will destroy the internet and what it has come to be, as well as move business outside the United States.

In short, I ask that you do NOT grant the phone companies petitions.

Jon Paynter.

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**From:** Dina E Strasser <destrass@naz.edu>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/25/96 9:40am  
**Subject:** INTERNET CHARGES FOR PHONE COMPANIES

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I understand that a/some/all major phone companies have entered a bid at the FCC for additional fees for Internet use. I wish to officially record my disapproval of this action with you. Phone companies already collect the fees to which they are entitled for Internet use, and to ask for any more is pure money-grubbing, in addition to a potential deterrent to an informative service which should remain as costless as possible. Would you charge a child to use a library book?--

Dina Strasser

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**From:** Frederick M. Griffith <craftwise@juno.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/25/96 11:42am  
**Subject:** Petition for charging on line service thru Phone Co.

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Dear Sir/Madam:

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We have heard the following:

>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.

Is this true? If so, we would like to ask what difference there is between someone using a phone line for voice or computer? We use the same line at home for both. We used to be hooked up to AOL. We were paying their monthly fee, plus a long distance charge just to get to AOL because they did not have a local phone number for us to use in our rural area. Would this add a THIRD charge for a single use?

We would appreciate a response to this inquiry. Also, if this petition truly exists, please send us a copy of the petition, and of the pertinent laws currently on the books, including the procedure to intervene. Send these to:

Fred & Leigh Griffith  
RR 1, Box 760  
Starks, Maine 04911-9712

Thank you. - Fred & Leigh Griffith -

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Columbia, SC

**From:** Walter N. Gnann <wgnann@islc.net>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/25/96 1:37pm  
**Subject:** FCC Regs for Internet Service Providers

Hello,

I am a new Internet Service Provider in Beaufort, SC. I am trying to find information on specific FCC regs pertaining to ISPs. The local telephone company, Sprint, has been less than helpful mainly because they don't understand the Internet business. I have had problems ranging from not being allowed to use Centrex to provision the modem lines to being charged network access fees for modem lines that never dial out. I have asked the SC Public Service Commission for help, but like the phone company, the Internet is a foreign word to them.

My question is are there any FCC guidelines for Internet Service Providers regarding tariffs and fees?

Thanks for your help,

Walt

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Internet Services of the Low Country, LLC  
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**From:** BOB & ROB LEE <bob-rob@sos.net>  
**To:** 'fccinfo@fcc.gov' <fccinfo@fcc.gov>  
**Date:** 11/24/96 7:00pm  
**Subject:** Internet

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please do not allow the telephone companies to charge internet users = extra fees for use of the telephone lines. I have paid a telephone bill = for 42 years, and never expected a refund for NOT using the phone. Once = we had a private line, I assumed that I was paying for unlimited use, = why should I pay extra now? If the phone lines are not adequate for the = job, let them add more! Most of us would gladly pay for a separate = internet-only line, as a convenience, but paying to use lines I am = already paying for is unfair to the consumer.

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**From:** J. L. Solheim <jsolheim@primenet.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/24/96 6:53pm  
**Subject:** phone co petitions

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

To Whom it May Concern,

I am greatly against the phone companies requesting to charge us for on-line time as we use our phone wires to access a local carrier. We pay plenty for that service. The wealth made by the telecommunications industry will need to be re-invested in more suitable means for the betterment of humanity. It is time to put an end to the greed and power games of the companies that have made a killing on man's desire to communicate and to reach out to each other globally.

Sincerely,

Julie L. Solheim citizen

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**From:** James L. Oliver <shagnasty@shelbynet.net>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/24/96 6:39am  
**Subject:** Internet Charges by Phone Companies

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

Sirs,

I am writing to urge you to decline the Phone Companies request to be allowed to charge for Internet connect time. Since most Internet Connections are made through Local calls, I see this as just another way to increase profits at the Expense of the Public. Thank You.

James L. Oliver

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"Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition"  
[shagnasty@shelbynet.net]

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**From:** Heide <hnewland@syix.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/24/96 5:05am  
**Subject:** internet charges

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It has come to my attention that the long distance carriers have petitioned or will soon petition the FCC to require internet users to pay long distance fees for each time they use the internet.

I am opposed to approval of this petition. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Don Newland  
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**From:** Warrior/Mystic <merlin@premier1.net>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/24/96 4:50pm  
**Subject:** Unlawful Phone Fees

Federal Communications Commission  
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It is my understanding that the phone companies have petitioned to be allowed to charge Internet users fees for the phone lines. This would be a double tax! I am already paying the phone company for the use of my phone and their lines. In deed, by looking at my bill, I am paying everyone to use my phone. I do not believe it is constitutional to be double taxed. The phone company is just (if you will excuse my localism) crying sour grapes. Do not allow this to go any further. Thank you for your attention to this matter as a representative of the people.

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**From:** Robert Luttrell <luttrell@sprintmail.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/24/96 5:39pm  
**Subject:** time charges on internet usage.

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Dear sir:

The phone companies are not entitled to revenue from internet usage. They must not be granted the right to charge users connect time rates. This would destroy the internet as a free vehicle of speech and limit the freedom of speech that now exists on the internet. Again, deny any and all requests of telephone companies to charge connect time rates to internet users.

Cordially yours,

Bob L. in Poulsbo , Wa.

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**From:** Sher <cashin@en.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/23/96 12:41pm  
**Subject:** access charges for internet connection

It has come to my attention that there is an effort on the part of telephone companies to force internet users to pay a charge for their on-line time. I strongly urge the FCC to quash this effort.

If there is further information available, I would appreciate being advised where I could access said information.

Thank you.

Sherry Cashin cashin@en.com

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"...there's a comfort in definite life, as I look to the One who is making me perfectly whole - body and soul."  
-- Susan Ashton

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**From:** Samten Williams <samten@shore.net>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/25/96 7:54am  
**Subject:** no increase to phone co.'s, please

Hi, am requesting no increase to phone companies re: internet use. Thank you.

Samten Williams  
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Natural Health~Astrology~Profiles~Poetic Journalism  
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**From:** Sheri Nakken <snakken@nccn.net>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/24/96 10:47am  
**Subject:** Re: [ART] Petition FCC

Hello,

I am very concerned about a report that heard on a news broadcast in Denver. They said the the major phone companieis are petitioning you to charge Internet userse a fee, much like long distance, to use their telephone lines for all their on-line time.

Please, do not allow this to happen. A local call is a local call. If this happens we will all see this as an effort to shut down the Internet and won't be thought too highly of.

Sincerely,

Sheri Nakken, R.N., MA

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**From:** ashley <ashley@ccia.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/24/96 11:49am  
**Subject:** Fwd: [Fwd: [Fwd: call to action]] (fwd)

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

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 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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I think it's disgusting the way the phone company tries to cash in on everything. First of all we are paying to use their lines to hook up, now they want MORE money. #%&@'em. Is it their way of pushing you to use their on-line services? I am asking that you do not support the phone company in this endeavour.

Thank you,  
Mike Ashley                      Bursting Forth with the power of ten billion butterfly sneezes,  
Man with his flaming pyre has conquered the wayward breezes,  
Climbing to tranquillity far above the cloud,  
Conceiving the heavens clear of misty shroud

"Moody Blues"  
Song-"Higher and Higher"

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**From:** Jason Baumetz <bajason@suny.multi.co.kr>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/24/96 2:14pm  
**Subject:** Phone Co. user's fee petition

Federal Communications Commission  
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I heard from friends today that the telephone companies in America have petitioned the FCC to allow them to charge internet users a service fee for time spent on the internet. I would like to state, for the record, my strong objection to any charge of this sort being implemented. The thing about the internet that is so great is that it gives people access to information – people can learn so much about so many things. The internet has been an indispensable tool in my search for a U.S. graduate school, even while I am living here in Korea. I have been able to keep-up with friends and family in a way that would never be possible through regular mail. While there are drawbacks and abuses, the internet has, in my opinion been a change for the better, allowing research and information to be spread all over the globe at a rate never before known. It would be a shame if the U.S. telephone companies, in their desire to increase corporate profits were allowed to jeopardize this, by fining the users of this incredible medium more. I am sure that this move would hinder the development of the net in America. Korea, where I am living now, charges outrageous fees of the same type proposed by the American phone companies, and as a result, very few people can use the internet. The only way I can afford it is to rent time on a computer at a "net cafe".

I hope that you will not consider the phone companies' request, instead looking at the great harm in terms of future development that such a request would do.

Sincerely,

Jason Baumetz

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**From:** charles e hall <chuckhall@juno.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/24/96 1:49am  
**Subject:** Petition

Federal Communications Commission  
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It has come to my attention that major phone companies will be petitioning the FCC for permission to charge for all time spent on the internet.

I am corresponding to you to request that this not be allowed to happen.

The internet is one of our greatest sources of recreation, entertainment and information. So widely used.. and why? Because of its affordability. This is as it should be.

Yet, the phone company, once again, is yelling that it's multi billion dollar profit margin needs to be bolstered yet again... Ridiculous. My phone bill is already enormous... and I rarely call long distance. The petition is merely a case of the corporate giant wanting to wet their beak and squeeze another nickel out of the consumer.

If it comes to it, I will go back to writing to people via U.S. Postal service, and researching things at the library. I for one will not pay again for what I am billed for every month - I pay for an internet provider for time on line. It is a local call; a fair and satisfactory arrangement.

True, I am one person. But thanks to the internet, I know dozens of people world wide now. And they also will be corresponding to you... along with the dozens they know, and so on and so on.

Please tell the phone companies no. We have paid enough, and that is final.

Thank you for your attention

Charles Hall, TomballTX

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**From:** <BarbLaski@aol.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/24/96 11:56am  
**Subject:** PLEASE!

Please, I beg you NOT to let the phone companies charge us for our Internet time! We ALREADY pay our servers for use of the Internet....if the phone companies step in it will RUIN our rights to educational and other pursuits! Please, stop them from making even MORE money off the "little guys"!

Barbara Laski  
Crete, IL

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**From:** <Cddyman@aol.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/23/96 7:49pm  
**Subject:** No Internet User Fee

I want to express my disagreement with the proposed Internet User Fee being proposed by the phone companies. The phone companies already have mechanisms in place to increase rates for local and long distance phone calls. Why should we give them another way to increase rates? The Internet User already pays a fee to the Online Service and to Internet Providers for certain services. Enough is enough!!

Please consider the impact of imposing a User Fee on the little guy.

Thanks for your consideration on this matter.

Cddyman

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**From:** Bob B B Deland <bobbdel@juno.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/23/96 8:00pm  
**Subject:** Internet users fee

Pleasedo not thr phone companys their request to charge a fee for internet phone use.We like it the way it is!!  
Bobbdel@juno.com

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**From:** <Mathisp@aol.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/24/96 7:28pm  
**Subject:** data phone charges

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I live within the Atlantic City environs and consequently, incur no extraordinary phone charges for using aol or the web. If I had chosen to set up my account with a Cape May County number, I would have incurred fees. I do not understand the proposal to charge for access to the server in Atlantic City (or anywhere), given that I do not already incur such a charge when I use the telephone. The web deserves to be as free and available as the public library, and this includes the phone call to get there.

P. Mathis  
Marmora, New Jersey 08223

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**From:** Mara Nyx <lady nyx@earthlink.net>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/24/96 5:41pm  
**Subject:** Ladies and Gentlemen:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I understand 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 strongly urge you NOT to grant the phone companies this request. The phone companies are already making a fortune off of us and we are already paying the online services for time on the Internet. Thank you. Lourdes M. Claveria

Los Angeles, California

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**From:** Neal <omega1@pixi.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/24/96 2:57pm  
**Subject:** On-line Fees for Internet Connections

Sirs,

I am writing to request that you reject the proposals being made by certain telecommunications companies to charge on-line fees to customers while they are connected to the internet (i.e. a per minute rate). Such a move would significantly reduce access to the internet both by private individuals and other institutions such as Public Libraries. Before you know it, they will also want to charge an extra fee whenever a person makes a call to check their answering machine or decides to send out a fax. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Aloha,

Neal

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Neal Nakamura      omega1@pixi.com      Aiea, Hawaii  
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**From:** <magi@flash.net>  
**To:** A4.A4(fccinfo)  
**Date:** 11/24/96 11:56pm  
**Subject:** Internet Fees

Dear Sirs

It has just come to my attention that the major phone companies are petitioning the FCC to enable them to charge internet users a fee for using phone lines for all on-line time.

I respectfully request that this petition be denied and you not grant this request.

Sincerely

S. Magill

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