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From: Constance Demby <cdemby@a.crl.com>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/24/96 1:01am
Subject: fee for internet usage

Don't allow phone companies to charge Internet users a fee to use their telephone lines for on line time!!!! A move like this will incur the WRATH of millions and millions of people. LEAVE PEOPLE ALONE AND LET THEM COMMUNCIATE WITH EACH OTHER FOR CHRISTS SAKE !!! The phone companies are guilty of a five letter word: G R E E D. So let's not let huge corporations take what is a precious gift of communication from the individual.. That's just going too far. You will see us rise up like never before !!!!

Sincerely,
Constance Demby



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From: Fiorentino <fury@cyberenet.net>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/24/96 8:17pm
Subject: phone companies charging for data phone calls

Ladies/Gentlemen:

I recently read that sometime in 1997, the FCC will decide whether the phone companies can begin charging for data phone calls. I am very much against this. My husband and I, along with millions of other Americans, chose to connect our phone line to our PC in order to surf the Internet. We are already charged a fee for the phone line. Why should we pay extra because we choose to call our Internet Service Provider rather than a friend or relative? Many people use their phone service to talk to others for extended periods of time, whereas we use our phone service to get on the Internet. Why should we be charged more? We already pay more than we used to pay for phone service because we had a second phone line installed for our PC. The phone companies are already benefitting from millions of people getting a second phone line, and in turn, paying double for their service.

The cost of local phone service has skyrocketed in recent years and the phone companies should not be permitted to charge different fees, dependent on who we call on our phone. This would set a terrible precedent and possibly, in the near future, a charge would be incurred for each and every local phone call. Phone service, something that is now affordable for most

Americans, would become a service affordable for the well-off and wealthy of this country.

Please reconsider before you permit phone companies to gauge Americans more than they already have since AT&T were forced out of providing local phone service.

Sincerely, Sheryl L. Fiorentino

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From: Bob Butler <bbutler@net2.intserv.com>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/25/96 2:51pm
Subject: Major Phone Companies Petition

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I have received information and read recently that some of the major phone companies are petitioning your department to charge internet users a fee much like long distance.

I want to protest this action and implore you not to grant this request.

Thank you.

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From: Benjamin H Smith <benjamin3@juno.com>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/24/96 10:27pm
Subject: RE: Internet user fee

Please don't charge a fee to internet users. The phone company is already charging me for my phone line I shouldn't have to pay again for using it..

Benjamin Smith

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From: Larry Schorr <Larryschorr@postoffice.worldnet.att.net>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/24/96 9:52pm
Subject: Phone Company

I do not like the idea of a phone charge for Data transmission. two years ago the phone companies were going to do it at no charge.

The only way I would agree to back it is if the phone companies will upgrade my access from my home at the same time they do it for the BIG BUSINESS. You know I'll be paying for 10 years before I see any better access. If not longer.

Thank You
Larry Schorr
1401 Madden Ave
Mays Landing NJ 08330-1499

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From: Thomas Torpey <tjt82590@voicenet.com>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/23/96 4:22pm
Subject: FEES FOR USING THE INTERNET

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

To the FCC:

You people had **better NOT** permit the telephone companies to charge for internet service. The telephone companies currently charge outrageously high rates for every phone service feature. They are making a fortune and are greedy enough. To allow them to charge for internet service would be immoral, unjust, unfair, highway robbery, thievery, etc. Also, GREED is one of the SEVEN DEADLY SINS. And this would be a DEADLY SIN AGAINST HUMANKIND.

Enough is enough!!!! We implore you NOT to approve the telephone companies' petitions to charge fees for internet service which should be free especially since people use local numbers to access the internet. This would be levelling an extra fee for a local phone call. Again, please do NOT approve of the telephone companies' plan. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Torpey

Trust in Allah.....but tie up your camel
Thomas & Joan Torpey
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From: Brent Munro <bmunro@axionet.com>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/23/96 3:27pm
Subject: user fees ..

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Office of Secretary

To Whom It May

Concern,
I have heard that there is a petition gaining ground in the U.S. from the major telephone companies to your government to allow these companies to charge Internet users a fee for the telephone circuitry usage. I sincerely hope this is a request that will be dismissed as simply another effort by multi-billion dollar companies for yet another profit grab from the average person. If your telephone servers were to be allowed fee charges it would set a precedent worldwide. Please do not allow this to happen.

Sincerely
Canada

J.E.Hillier

Vancouver, B.C.

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From: Lisa Chant <mosher@isn.net>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/23/96 1:52pm
Subject: (fwd) the phone co. wants the FCC to SCREW US ALL!!!!...please read this!!!!

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From: biker_1@hotmail.com

Newsgroups: alt.hackers.groups

Subject: the phone co. wants the FCC to SCREW US ALL!!!!...please read this!!!!

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>This is important ppl..... check it out. Its YOUR money!

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>>>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 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

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>>>PLEASE EVERYONE EMAIL THE FCC, THEIR SENATORS,

>>>AND REPRESENTATIVES AND EXPRESS THEIR VIEWPOINT ON THIS ISSUE!!!

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Pope Saint Lisa Chant, KSC

Wanna see my pet anerist?

I keep him in a cage and don't feed him very often...

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From: Quint Dooley <qberto@dakota.net>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/23/96 3:34pm
Subject: taxing

Please do not allow the phone companies to charge a fee for the use of phone lines for internet access.
Communication is hard enough as it is now, let alone if you tax it. Thank you !

Quint Dooley

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From: petro o bramante <pete33@juno.com>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/23/96 6:55pm
Subject: petition from phone companies

----- Begin forwarded message -----

From: PaDennis@aol.com
To: Pete33@juno.com, Rcap1140@juno.com, sftnbn@juno.com, BILLTHEM@aol.com, Bobbdel@juno.com, Jejoda@aol.com, MilannaJoy@aol.com, Sanders.Diane@tci.com, KevLawSF@aol.com, PETMONSTER@aol.com, slewis@access.k12.wv.us, ScottHH3F@aol.com, fmusto2@juno.com, nelt@juno.com, Fayeruth@aol.com, taiter@earthlink.net, VanTait@aol.com, swiczuk@mem.po.com
Subject: No Subject
Date: Thu, 21 Nov 1996 14:47:28 -0500
Message-ID: <961121144727_1682994612@emout05.mail.aol.com>

>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.

>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?

Please request in your words the desire to refuse the Phone companies requests! write to
fccinfo@fcc.gov ----->

----- End forwarded message -----

With reference to the above piece of information, I want to convey to you my strong objection to the latest attempt by the phone companies to extract more money from us, hapless consumers.
With thanks for your attention I am,
Sincerely yours, Pietro Bramante

CC: FCCMAIL.SMTP("PaDennis@aol.com","sftnbn@juno.com",...

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From: Mike Buss <snafu@seanet.com>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/25/96 12:02am
Subject: No more fee's please....

In defense of internet users such as myself, I feel that imposing a fee per use on internet connections as asked by major phone companies is a bunch of crap.

The spirit of the internet was and still is founded on the exchange of ideas and information. NOBODY in specific owns the internet, we all own it.

Taxes and fees are paid for by us on our local phone bill for the local internet connection, (just like all local voice calls), taxes and fees are paid by our internet providers on leased lines which information is passed long-distance - again, we absorb through monthly rate charges.

Why the phone companies feel they have to charge us a third time over is beyond me. I don't think that additional surcharges for the exchange of ideas and information is warranted.

Thank you for your time.

Michael Buss

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From: tom greenawalt <tag1@midwest.net>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/25/96 3:49pm
Subject: who gave them the right??

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I pay for my phone to use for my convenience. Who and WHY do companies have the right to dial my number, cause me to get into my wheelchair and roll over to answer the phone and it is a call by a person trying to make money at my expense..I not only do not want them to BOTHER me but how do they have the right to distrube me at their will?? I can not believe that they have the right to use a phone that costs me money for them to try to make money? Is there any reason that they were given the right to call and distrube me when they want--at dinner, when I am in the shower etc..Do we who pay for the phone have no rights??

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From: Andrea Miller <1love@mail.telis.org>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/24/96 1:07am
Subject:

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To Whom It May Concern,

I implore you in the name of self sovereignty and free will not to charge any fees for the internet services.

Thank You,

Andrea Miller

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From: Mike Wilkins <mikewilk@mindspring.com>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/24/96 3:29am
Subject: Punative Modem Fees

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GREETINGS FCC PEOPLE:

>>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.

The above outlines a topic akin to gas companies charging consumers more for fuel used to drive to areas other than from work/school and home again.

Petty and small, is the most polite way to describe my opinion of the telecom lobby in this specific matter.

Thanks for your time.

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From: Jerold Ford <jford@why.net>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/24/96 10:02pm
Subject: Tell 'em *NO*

I've heard some rumors about phone companies taxing Internet usage. I'm sick of all this GREED. Big Business again is trying to take advantage of the individuals and small business. It's time for some tax and spending cuts!!!!!!
Tell 'em *NO*!

jford@why.net

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From: Kenneth Al Johnson <kaj@flash.net>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/23/96 7:14pm
Subject: FCC: Internet access - cost recovery

RE: Internet

I'm for telco (switch and line capacity) cost recovery via direct phone bill charges based on length of a local internet access call (NOT FLAT RATE). This rate would be discounted when used at off peak times whenever system capacity is not near critical... a sort of "dynamic reward" for customers not causing any problems. The phone company should be penalized for providing excessive capacity (way beyond anticipated growth) if they try to pass "overkill" costs on to customers. The same formula for the "dynamic reward" for customers could keep a check on "overkill". The phone company would have to make careful choices and decide how much new capacity should be purchased AND/OR included in their "total to be recovered from customers".

Kenneth A. Johnson this is my personal opinion only, no professional statement implied.

Below was my response to someone's BB post that encouraged FCC "protest" of an internet cost "increase".
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BB response title: I think this is the problem - now, please think of a solution. We can get rid of the FCC later :-)

BB author: Posted by A Libertarian with a average phone bill... on 11/23/1996 at 16:19:13

message: -----

re: email the F.C.C. at fccinfo@fcc.gov
>The problem is how to spread the support costs to provide internet service on a phone system that s been priced in the past for average length voice calls.

Now, they take average voice call length and play with statistical usage patterns to figure out how many simultaneous callers might use the system at a normal peak, day. They then crunch out how much expensive telco switch equipment capacity and simultaneous lines that are required for acceptable (best in the world) telephone service. They divide that cost and average some of it for a flat line charge plus some usage for all phone customers now.

Ironically, Internet providers got a break on these charges!

The new variable thrown into the calculations is Internet calls last several times longer than voice calls - and tie up the equipment and lines at the phone companies.

Some discussion, decisions, and maybe a new pricing formula for line access is needed on the phone company side of the business. Should they pass the costs on to the internet service provider (who will directly pass it on to access subscribers) or spread it everywhere? Remember, the majority of the phone customers are not on the internet for hours causing these new shortages!

Right now the phone companies are eating some upgrade costs and/or all phone service in the effected area just suffers at peak times. The problems will get much worse in the future with internet growth trends (slowing a bit?).

The big issues:

Is it FAIR to simply recover the additional equipment and line costs from everyone with a phone?

How are they going to distinguish between the growth of voice only calls -vs- internet usage demands by a few (but increasing number of) internet users? Can they somehow isolate and directly recover those additional costs from internet users another way? (Local and long distance voice usage and line charges have a similar complex headache now.)

The number of customers on the internet is tiny and the new long call length demands are expensive. This is a big

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total cost to spread on just a few people? (aprox 20 million users now, less businesses with non-phone, direct hookups).

>>>> A time of day/ length of call based usage charge seems more fair than a flat fee spread for everyone. I bet that s what we end up with despite your Email the FCC campaign protesting the inevitable. <<<<<

kaj

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From: Cherry, John <jcherry@dow.com>
To: 'fccinfo@fcc.gov' <fccinfo@fcc.gov>
Date: 11/24/96 3:13pm
Subject: Corporate Welfare

To whom it may concern,
I would like to strongly urge the FCC to deny the request of phone companies to destroy freedom of speech and communication by charging hourly rates for use of the Internet.

This move is nothing more than a blatant attempt by rich, powerful phone company executives to dominate and destroy the greatest forum for communication and deliberation even discovered.

Please deny the request to make millions at the expense of the population offered by these selfish corporate entities.

Thank you,

John Cherry jcherry@dow.com

The opinions expressed in this message are in no way those of the Dow Chemical Corporation, but are solely those of the author.

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From: DANNY STRAIN <dannystrain@juno.com>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/24/96 3:42pm
Subject: Double charges by Phone Companies

I understand the phone companies want to make an additional charge to customers who use the internet. I think this is an ethical violation. They are already being paid for the use of their phone lines. To double charge is wrong. I am watching to see that your agency does not allow this greedy act to happen.

Regards-
Danny Strain dannystrain@juno.com

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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.

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: Goldeneyes <Goldeneyes@jerseycape.com>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/24/96 10:26am
Subject: Data Calls

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It is my understanding that in 1997 the FCC will decide whether the phone companies can surcharge for data calls. I wish to express the gross mistake this would be to charge for freedom of speech especially on the Net. ALL information should flow freely on the NET without any surcharge. The phone companies are making too much money now and they are also withholding technology from all the public especially the poor. ISDN is not financially accessible for many of the average people. And fiber optics technology is still only for business use and extremely expensive. Please do not allow the phone companies to corner the market on information and make it unaccessible for many of thousands of people.

Thomas H. Laughlin

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From: Joe Bergquist <jlb@rof.net>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/24/96 12:26pm
Subject: Fwd: Tele. Co's. and the FCC

>From: ArleighB@aol.com
>Date: Thu, 21 Nov 1996 15:57:00 -0500
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> Mskih@igc.apc.org, zuidema@monsoon.colorado.edu, rimel@earthlink.net,
> Rkeller@sybase.com, timothy@dash.com
>Subject: Fwd: Tele. Co's. and the FCC

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>Please DO act on this. What a major drag. Arleigh

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>Date: 96-11-21 11:22:47 EST

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>#####
>PLEASE READ AND ACT ON THIS - Sheila

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>>>Hi,
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>>>companies are petitioning the FCC to charge Internet users a fee, much
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>email to -----> fccinfo@fcc.gov

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Joe L. Bergquist
Water Commissioner-District 38

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From: Michael Wachter <Impact@kellnet.com>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 11/24/96 9:45pm
Subject: Long Distance Charges on Internet

I understand that the FCC is being petitioned by LD carriers to require Long Distance Charges for internet usage.

As an internet user, I object to this as a restraint of trade which reduces competition in the marketplace. Use of the internet is requiring phone companies to compete legitimately for the first time in history. The limited competition in the phone industry in recent years has been good for the consumer and for the phone companies. It has reduced phone rates and made the phone companies strive to be better operated.

Keep long distance charges off of the internet!

Mike Wachter
Impact@Kellnet.com

CC: Tom Ross Karen Gregg <shipwreck@kellnet.com>

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From: Raven <willar79@mail.idt.net>
To: A4.A4(fccinfo)
Date: 11/25/96 5:16pm
Subject: I dont want to be charged long distance rates for the internet.

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THIS IS TO SAY THAT I DONT WANT TO PAY LONGDISTANCE RATES TO USE THE INTERNET. BUY CHARGING FOLKS LIKE THAT IT WOULD KILL THE NET AND A BIG PART OF OUR COUNTRY. PLEASE DONT TO THIS.

BEST REGARDS,

Raven LaBlanc
Oklahoma City Ok.
-- I live at....Latitude 35 28' 1" North
Longitude 97 30' 49" West

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