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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

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Re: Comments on Notice of Proposed Rulemaking--Access Charges for Internet Service Providers--Docket Number 96-262

Dear Secretary:

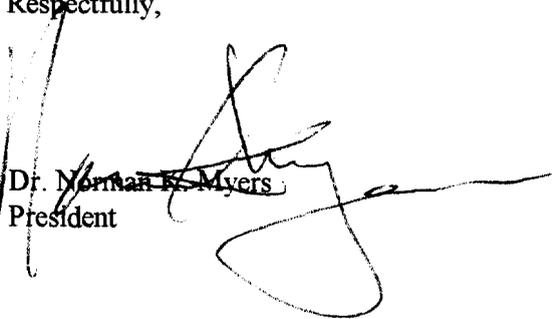
As an educational institution, our college is greatly concerned about the issue of whether interstate information service providers, including Internet service providers, should pay local exchange carriers per-minute, usage sensitive access charges.

As a community college, we are committed to providing our students and faculty access to educational resources and have made many strides with regard to access to the Internet. The college strongly supports the FCC position that information service providers should not have to pay per-minute interstate access charges. Any additional costs which would be passed on to the college would not only strain already limited resources but have a detrimental effect on the access students and faculty have to Internet resources.

This negative impact would come at a time when progress is being made in incorporating Internet resources into the curriculum and providing students access to information which would otherwise not be available to support their learning.

The present pricing structure for interstate information service providers is a key factor in the development and use of the Internet for educational purposes. A change to this pricing structure would be catastrophic.

Respectfully,


Dr. Norman E. Myers
President

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