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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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To Whom it may concern,

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>>The Federal Communications Commission was approached by local telephone
>companies to implement additional charges for internet access via telephone
>lines. This is totally unacceptable. There should be no difference in the
>rates between the use of the lines for voice versus data and accessing the
>internet.

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>>This request by the local phone companies appears to be generated by
>greed. The local phone companies would not be asking for this rate increase
>if the issue was access for additional voice technology. Perhaps, the real
>issue is that the local phone companies have not kept their technologies
>current especially with data lines and, therefore, wish to do this now with
>inappropriate charges on the use of voice lines for data and accessing the
>internet. New technologies are becoming available for data transfer and
>accessing the internet, however, these technologies are not universally
>available to all Americans.

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>>Allowing the local telephone companies permission to charge addition fees
>for data and internet access will hurt our entire economy. Business, both
>large and small, will pass the increase to consumers. Consumers will pay
>more for goods and services as a result of this action. In addition, the
>internet is a magnificent tool for information and many citizens will not
>be able to pay the additional fees. Educational access to the internet for
>our children, adolescents, and adults will be compromised if fees for
>access are implemented. Educational budgets throughout the United States
>are limited whether private, public or primary education or college
>education. The negative domino effect of this request is enormous. >>
>>In summary, I employ you to deny this request by the local telephone
>companies and allow the current flat rate structure which the local
>telephone companies are currently using whether for voice or data or
>internet access. Thank your for your time.

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>>Sincerely,
>>Michael A. Kimmelman

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