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Office of the Secretary, Room 239
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Dear Sirs:

I have read some of the information regarding your Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Access Charge Reform, and am responding to your request for public comment.

I believe it is in our best interest to allow Enhanced Service Providers (ISP's) to remain as "end users" and utilize the purchase of "business lines" from local telephone companies. They **SHOULD NOT** pay interstate access charges, as long-distance telephone carriers do.

The Internet ISP's, as well as the similar on-line suppliers such as America On-Line, provide a great service in supplying vast quantities of data and information, to public consumers. No longer does the "typical" consumer have to pay very high prices, or have no access, to data important in day to day business. The imposition of any extra fees would significantly increase the cost to acquire this information, and consequently, eliminate access for many.

The capabilities and breath of the Internet would not be so great today, if interstate access charges had been in effect. (It was ironic that one source used to disseminate information about these proposals was via the Federal Government Website on the Internet).

Please consider my concerns, and do not subject ISP's to interstate access charges.

I am not knowledgeable enough about high-bandwidth technology to comment on the Notice of Inquiry on Internet and Interstate Information Services.

Very truly yours,


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