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May 1, 1997

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

Re: ExParte Communication in DCC Docket No. 96-262

Dear Chairman Reed E. Hundt:

I am writing to express Payless Cashways Inc.'s concern about the possible Federal Communications Commission action which could substantially raise our telephone bills. Our information is that the Commission will vote May 6 on, among other things, the imposition of a "Fair and Equitable Rate Charge" of \$4.50 per month beginning this coming January, which would increase to \$6.00 per month next year, and the increase of the local exchange company's "Subscriber Line Charge" of \$3.50, to be used to wire schools and libraries for the Internet.

We do not question the wisdom of wiring schools and libraries, and we had no objection to its inclusion in the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Rather, we question the manner in which this new charge is to be levied, and the fact that the Commission has to our knowledge not determined how the money might best be distributed. Reliable studies have shown that business customers are already overcharged significantly by their local telephone companies, and we wonder why that money would not be used to accomplish the worthy goal of wiring schools and libraries.

If these charges are instituted, the impact on us would be substantial, because Payless Cashways Inc. has 4180 telephone lines, resulting in yearly surcharges of \$403,440.00. We consider this surcharge to be unduly burdensome, and we cannot imagine that this charge reflects the intent of Congress when it acted to bring advanced technology to America's classrooms.

We ask you to consider the effect that such a proposal would have on retailers, who are increasingly reliant on telecommunications in the routine management of their business. We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Stanton
President and COO
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Federal Communications Commission
Division of Technology

Regarding ExParte Communications in CC Docket No. 96-262

Dear Commissioner Hundt,

I have become aware of your proposal to fund the new USF and the associated initiative to wire America's schools and libraries to the internet. It is alarming! I have calculated the budget impact next fiscal year to be approximately \$1,200,000 due to this proposal. This will obviously have grave impacts on this budget and amongst other things, would probably curtail our efforts to wire our own dorms.

Apparently, your proposal would create new interstate charges (FERC) of \$4.50 per line per month and raise the subscriber line charge (SLC) from a cap of \$6.00 to \$9.50. While I understand carriers would provide some flow because of lower pre minute access charges, this would have a positive impact of only \$50,000 a year or .004% of the total increase. Hardly an off-set. Last year we were promised lower rates; what happened along the way and how does it make sense to generate about a \$3 billion dollar fund solely from non-carrier businesses, which is virtually a new tax on our communications lines: What about the excessive "subsidies" still going to LEC accounts which translate into higher profits for them? Why is it that so suddenly - this proposal surfaces, which will obviously have serious negative impact on American business?

I do not see in the proposal any treatment of Centrex lines being treated the same way as PBX's by using a PBX-equivalent formula. The effect of this is that Boston University would be paying 85% more than a university across the river who has the same switch but because it sits on their premises they would only pay 15% (the trunk equivalency) of what Boston University pays. It doesn't make sense. Also, if the proposal were to treat student lines as business lines, the effect to BU would cost us an additional 40% of \$1,200,000.

Please reconsider this proposal. While I admire your ambitiousness and commitment to connect our libraries and schools to the Internet, this manner of funding would saddle small and large businesses with the entire burden. The economic effects of this would be disastrous. Instead of expanding America's telecommunication systems this proposal would instigate contraction of our networks. This is a very bad position for us to be in and I appeal to you to withdraw the entire proposal.

In closing, please feel free to call me at 617-353-7432 if I can provide any additional information to help clarify the budgetary issues and the negative effects of this proposal at Boston University.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Shea
Director

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Mississippi State UNIVERSITY

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Ex Parte Communications in CC Docket No. 96-262

Dear Chairman Hundt:

Mississippi State University has learned through the Association of College and University Telecommunications Administrators (ACUTA) of the FCC's possible consideration of certain increased monthly charges to generate additional revenue for the Universal Service Fund. Specifically, we understand that there is a proposal on the table to raise the cap on business multi-line Subscriber Line Charges by \$3.50 per line and impose a pre-subscribed line surcharge of approximately \$4.50 per line.

While we fully appreciate the FCC's obligation to implement the Telecommunications Act of 1996, we would urge you to consider more equitable measures to achieve the revenue goals for the Universal Service Fund. The increases described above, if implemented, would impact this institution (an 8500 line Centrex system) by over \$800,000 per year. This would be an increase of more than 50% over our current cost for local telephone service. These increases seem to unfairly target business users, especially Centrex systems like ours, with a disproportionate share of the universal service burden.

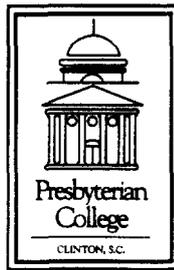
Sincerely,

Leah T. Norman
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RE: Ex Parte Communication in CC Docket No. 96-262

Dear Chairman Hundt:

Presbyterian College is greatly concerned by reports of possible increases in the cap on business multi-line Subscriber Line Charges (SLC) and pre-subscribed lines (PSL) surcharges. One report indicated the possibility of an increase of \$8.00 per month charge for each business line including each Centrex line. Such a charge, depending on how implemented, could cost Presbyterian College more than \$8,000.00 per month: the equivalent of more than five full scholarships including tuition, fees, room, and board. Or, looking at it another way, this would represent an increase of almost 33% in our local telephone service bill.

We certainly hope that the commission rejects any such ideas.

The provision of discounted telecommunications services for K-12 schools, libraries, and rural health facilities may be a worthwhile public policy goal but if so it should be funded directly by Congress, not in this manner.

Presbyterian College is certainly not alone among institutions of higher education using Centrex services. Any proposal that increases fees for businesses also affects colleges, universities, and other non profits which must purchase business telephone services.

Thank you for considering our position on this matter. Once again we hope that discounted telecommunication services for K-12 schools, libraries, and rural health facilities would not be subsidized through increases in business telephone fees that feed the Universal Service Fund.

Sincerely,

Morris M. Galloway Jr.
Dean of Administrative Services

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Mr. Reed E. Hundt
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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RE: Ex Parte Communication in CC Docket No. 96-262

Dear Mr. Hundt:

It has come to our attention that regulations are being considered by the Federal Communications Commission pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 requirement of discounted telecommunication services for K-12 schools, libraries, and rural health facilities subsidized through the Universal Service Fund. These regulations include raising the cap on business multi-line Subscriber Line Charges (SLC) and imposition of a pre subscribed line (PSL) surcharge. These changes would have a significant negative impact on the independent colleges and universities of North Carolina.

The proposed increases in monthly charges, laudable goals of the legislation notwithstanding, will raise telecommunication costs as much as 25% for independent colleges and universities that are aggressively reducing costs in order to moderate annual increases in their tuition and fees. Indeed, operating budgets are already set for our institutions through the 1998 fiscal year. The immediate and longer term impact of the proposed fees may upset the financial equilibrium of some institutions.

We ask that the proposed regulations be reconsidered or changed to eliminate the severe negative effects for higher education institutions.

Thank you for your consideration and concern.

Sincerely,

A. Hope Williams

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Federal Communications Commission
Public Utility Bureau

Re: Ex Parte Communication in CC Docket No. 96-262
Priority: Urgent (FCC to vote on proposal May 6, 1997)

Dear Chairman Hundt:

It has come to the attention of the University of Utah that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering a proposal that will target multi-line business customers as a resource to support an initiative to upgrade the internal wiring and network accessibility of public K-12 schools and libraries, access to the network for rural health care facilities, and increase lifeline services.

As a higher education institution with a six-hundred-bed teaching hospital and the home of the Utah Education Network responsible for supporting distance learning throughout the entire state of Utah, we fully recognize the importance of this initiative. However, as a 12,000-line Centrex customer, the proposed method of funding would likely be the undoing of our own communication infrastructure.

It is our understanding that the Chairman of the FCC is considering the following increases:

- The cap on business multi-line Subscriber Line Charges (SLC) may be raised from \$6.00 per line to \$9.50 per line per month, including Centrex lines.
- A Pre-Subscribed Line (PSL) surcharge will be imposed on business users. The charge is anticipated to be \$4.50 per multi-line business line. The \$4.50 per month charge would also apply to each Centrex line.

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- The Salt Lake City cap on second residential lines may be raised from \$3.50 to \$6.00 per month. This will affect University employees and students who telecommute.
- Cellular, PCS, and paging customers may be assessed a \$1.00 fee per telephone number per month.

If these rate increases are approved, the annual impact to the University of Utah will exceed \$1,152,000. This amount is greater than our total annual budget for campus networking and infrastructure renovation, thereby rendering helpless the very institution that is responsible for supporting K-12 distance learning and rural health care services in Utah.

In addition to the proposed increases, the University of Utah also stands to lose an additional \$78,000 per year of revenue if the Interstate access charges are cut by 40 to 50 percent as proposed by the FCC.

Due to the disproportionate share of responsibility the proposed plan places on the University of Utah, in an effort to accomplish the universal service social agenda, I strongly encourage you help us convince the Chairman of the FCC to reconsider his proposed plan and seek more equitable means of funding.

Sincerely,



Jarilyn S. McIntyre
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cc: Thomas G. Nycum, Vice President for Administrative Services

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Re: Ex Parte Communication in CC Docket No. 96-262

Reed E. Hundt, Chairman
FCC

Dear Chairman Hundt:

This is to register our extreme concern about the proposal to increase Subscriber Line Charges (SLC), Pre-subscriber line surcharges (PSL), and the "universal service social agenda obligation fee" for cellular, PCS, and paging services. Such charges will increase the cost of performing scholarly work for students and faculty. The cost of doing business for everyone at the College will increase. The College and its constituencies cannot afford these increases. We do not want these charges to be implemented.

We are also concerned about the proposal to reduce Interstate access charges. The College shares this revenue with its telephone provider. This is an important source of revenue for the College, and helps minimize the net cost of providing voice and data services to Canisius faculty, students, and staff. We want to keep these Interstate access charges at their current levels.

Sincerely,

Joel A. Cohen, Ph. D.
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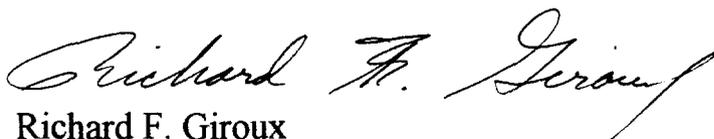
Re: Ex Parte Communications in CC Docket No. 96-262

Dear Mr. Reed,

The purpose of my letter is to register my very strong opposition to the proposed FCC regulations concerning multi-line users. While your goal of wiring public schools, libraries and rural health care agencies to the Internet is noble, the \$3 billion cost should not be directed to businesses. Instead local authorities or school districts should pursue this if they deem it to be necessary. The proposed regulations are essentially a social program that has never ever been brought to the voters.

I have written my Senators and Congressman as well to ensure that they are aware of my strong opposition to these proposed regulations. I sincerely hope that you will seriously consider abandoning these very costly regulations that the consumers of goods and services will ultimately have to pay.

Sincerely,


Richard F. Giroux