

SUNSHINE PERIOD



CC 96-45
DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL
RECEIVED
MAY 6 1997
Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

From: Ed Wolf <wolfie@sgi.net>
To: A7.A7(RCHONG)
Date: 5/6/97 4:40pm
Subject: [Fwd: Proposed Modem Tax needs Your Comments!]

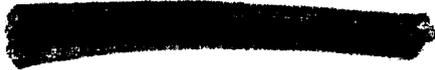
How can you give something like this and then make us pay for it?

--

This be from wolfie@sgi.net Pittsburgh.PA =o&>o
North American 40+ Touring Riders - Pittsburgh Chapter
International Order of Old Bastards
ARS N3UE ex N3WUE - 10X, ARRL, BreezeShooter, Springbok
BreezeShooters website at <http://www.users.sgi.net/~wolfie/>
Bridgeville, PA; the Home of Dim-witted Borough Officials!

SUNSHINE PERIOD

CC 96-45



From: <patest@bfdin.com>
To: FCCMAIL.SMTPNLM("wolfie@sgi.net")
Date: 5/6/97 1:06am
Subject: Proposed Modem Tax needs Your Comments!

RECEIVED
MAY 6 1997
Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary
DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

=====[Distributed Message]=====

ListServer: patest (WPA & EPA Licensing Tests)
Type: Moderated by Sysop (Bill Edgar)
Distributed on: 06-MAY-97, 00:05:26
Original Written by: Sysop.

=====

=====

AOP Alert Sunday, May 4, 1997

=====

The following is a legislative alert from the Association of Online Professionals, the primary professional association of Internet Service Providers and other professionals who manage online services.

Please give it the widest possible distribution.

=====

FCC Universal Service Plan Damaging To ISPs

=====

On May 8, 1997, the Federal Communications Commission will vote on a proposal regarding "universal service." Universal Service is the program that subsidizes low-cost communication services for organizations and entities who might otherwise not be able to afford access to these services.

If adopted, this proposal will cost consumers and businesses an estimated \$3 billion per year, and most of the financial burden will be borne by ISPs, online services and their customers. The Association of Online Professionals, on behalf of its members, urges you to contact the FCC and ask them to reject this proposal.

A provision of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (sponsored by Senators Olympia Snowe, Jay Rockefeller, James Exon, and Bob Kerrey) specifies that, upon request, individual telecommunications carriers must provide service to schools and libraries at "affordable" rates.

The FCC plans to fund the \$2.25 billion cost of this lower-cost school service each year by increasing telephone line fees for consumers and businesses that have more than one telephone line. The additional cost is estimated to be from \$4 to \$6 per line

per month for businesses, and at least \$3.50 per line for consumers who have more than one telephone line to their homes. Details of the program are at <http://www.fcc.gov/learnnet/welcome.html#rates>.

For consumers, this will be a disincentive to add lines for fax or modem usage, and has been labeled by some consumer groups as a "modem tax."

The widest range of business users who have more than one telephone line will benefit from other reductions in long-distance charges that will offset the increases. This will not be the case for Internet Service Providers and online services, which have business lines used only for incoming dial-up access by their subscribers. ISPs and online services will therefore bear the brunt of the economic burden for this program.

Under the proposed program, Internet Service providers would be required to provide connectivity to schools, libraries and health care facilities at discounts of 20% to 90% off of normal rates. This discounted amount would then be reimbursed to the ISP through the Universal Service program.

The proposal has gone through a lengthy process of recommendation and comment, and is in its final stage. It requires only the vote of the FCC on May 8 to begin implementation.

AOP opposes the proposed plan for three reasons:

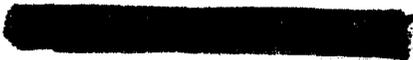
- 1) The FCC will implement a sweeping new tax before studying the alternatives (e.g., Net Day, access through existing state Internet networks).
- 2) The tax is structured to specifically punish Internet and online services and their subscribers. If the tax is necessary, it should be applied to all consumers and all businesses.
- 3) There has been insufficient study of the subject. There is little or no data to support the need for the tax, or to indicate whether the current proposal will be enough to do the job.

AOP encourages all online services and their subscribers to voice their opposition to this "modem tax" by contacting the FCC immediately. Contact information is as follows:

Chairman Reed Hundt: rhundt@fcc.gov
Commissioner James Quello: jquello@fcc.gov

SUNSHINE PERIOD

CC 96-45



From: <odie@netpointe.com>
To: A7.A7(RCHONG)
Date: 5/6/97 5:03pm
Subject: Support for Universal Service

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

RECEIVED

MAY 6 1997

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

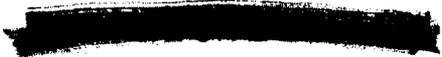
My is Neal Smith and I work for Alliant Health System in Louisville, KY.
I would like to voice my support for the concept of "universal service"
concerning internet access. This will allow rural healthcare providers
to serve their patients better by allowing access to internet health
technology as it develops.

I hope you will consider supporting this concept.

Sincerely,

Neal Smith

CC 96-45



SUNSHINE PERIOD

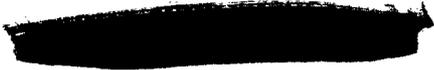
From: Raddish, Daniel <draddish@pathway.net>
To: A7.A7(rhundt)
Date: 5/6/97 5:08pm
Subject: internet taxes

RECEIVED
MAY 6 1997
DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL
Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

I think that that the modem tax is wrong. It is not right for the government to tax an item that is used to teach and educate children. My kids use the internet to do school work and reports at home..I think the internet is the gretest thing to happen for educational reasons and for the government to tax education is wrong. If my service provider has to raise my accsess I will not be able to afford to have 2 phone lines and higher service provider monthly charges. This is wrong!!!..I think the goverment is forgetting that they are here to serve and protect the people of the US...All that seems to matter is money and it is wrong....If this tax passes this will show how I will vote next time....and everyone who has internet accsess....so think carefully!...Taxpayer and voter Dan Raddish

CC: A7.A7(RCHONG,SNESS,JQUELLO)

SUNSHINE PERIOD



CE96-45

RECEIVED

DOCKET FILE COPY

MAY ORIGINAL 1997

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

From: Henry, Margaret <maggie@pathway.net>
To: A7.A7(rhundt)
Date: 5/6/97 5:24pm
Subject: Oppose to modem tax

I am currently a teacher and a university student and I was offered a substantial educational discount by my ISP solely because of this. That is the major reason I chose my ISP. Let capitalism alone and it will work! If you feel totally compelled to interfere in the process then offer tax credits to ISP that provide discounts for schools or incentives for helping schools with the necessary wiring but don't place another tax burden on an already overtaxed population.

I am opposed the proposed plan for three reasons:

- 1) The FCC will implement a sweeping new tax before studying the alternatives (e.g., Net Day, access through existing state Internet networks).
- 2) The tax is structured to specifically punish Internet and online services and their subscribers. If the tax is necessary, it should be applied to all consumers and all businesses.
- 3) There has been insufficient study of the subject. There is little or no data to support the need for the tax, or to indicate whether the current proposal will be enough to do the job.

Margaret Henry
University of Pittsburgh
Computer and Curriculum Inquiry Center
1n10 Forbes Quad
230 S. Bouquet Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15260

CC: A7.A7(RCHONG,SNESS,JQUELLO)

SUNSHINE PERIOD

From: <krkzrt@wmol.com>
To: A7.A7(RCHONG)
Date: May 6, 1997 2:08pm
Subject: Modem Tax



CC96-45

RECEIVED
MAY 6 1997

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

On May 8, 1997, the Federal Communications Commission will vote on a proposal regarding "universal service." Universal Service is the program that subsidizes low-cost communication services for organizations and entities who might otherwise not be able to afford access to these services.

Chairman Hundt:

I would hope you, and the rest of the the commission, give careful consideration to the Universal Service proposal and cast a vote against it. This will only hurt small businesses by raising the cost of doing business. These service providers will be forced to raise rates that should be set by the market economy. Not by a tax placed on individual users. I am thinking of adding a second phone line to my home but with an increase in costs to pay for this program would kill that idea. This seems to work against businesses. Higher rates would mean less people buying the service. Forcing the end user to pay for this proposal is unfair to all.

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

Kirk Oswald

to: INT:rhundt@fcc.gov
cc: INT:jquello@fcc.gov
INT:sness@fcc.gov
INT:rchong@fcc.gov

0096-45
SUNSHINE PERIOD

RECEIVED

MAY 6 1997

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

From: Clay Tinsley <tinsleyc@mail.airmail.net>
To: A7.A7(RHUNDT)
Date: May 6, 1997 12:29am
Subject: FCC Universal Service Plan

In regard to the FCC Universal Plan that's to be voted on in a day or two... please give it consideration. There are other ways to accomplish the goal.

The plan may have adverse affects on ISP's that will cause increased costs for many. I don't care to pay more for my three home phone just because I have them. Internet access is already expensive enough. Let's not raise the costs for those who already have it.

Clay Tinsley
tinsleyc@airmail.net

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

CC: A7.A7(JQUELLO, SNESS, RCHONG)

SUNSHINE PERIOD

CC 96-45

From: Tim Wilson <TimW@edview.com>
To: "rhundt@fcc.gov" <rhundt@fcc.gov>
Date: May 6, 1997 10:01am
Subject: [REDACTED]
e rate

RECEIVED

MAY 6 1997

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Please adopt the board's recommendation and create the fund. I get frustrated on the local level when my school district will set up committees and then go against the recommendation of the committee. Why get a committee in the first place if you aren't going to follow their advice. They were put together for a purpose. Please show that though frustrations may arise local that nationally there is vision and the ability to execute the vision.

Thanks

Tim Wilson
Father of 1 high school freshman, 1 6th grader, 1 2nd grader, 1 kindergartener, 1 2 year old
They are our future and education is their's

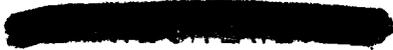
DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

CC: "rchong@fcc.gov" <rchong@fcc.gov>

SUNSHINE PERIOD

CC96-45

From: <catspaw@hb.org>
To: A7.A7(RCHONG)
Date: May 6, 1997 11:46am
Subject: NO MODEM TAX!!!



RECEIVED
MAY 6 1997

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Chairman Hunt,

As an online service subscriber with a tight budget, I must object to the so-called "modem tax." Let's look for a FAIR solution.

Thank you for your time.

Martha E. Ruderman
catspaw@hb.org

cc: int:jquello@fcc.gov
int:sness@fcc.gov
int:rchong@fcc.gov

This message sent via:

HeartBeat BBS Where The Wild at Heart Play
716-756-4444 or 716-756-4466 IP: 206.114.182.2 or hb.org

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

SUNSHINE PERIOD

CC 96-45

From: "Patti Davis" <davis@okoha.com>
To: "Rachelle Chong" <rchong@fcc.gov>
Date: March 6, 1997 10:41am
Subject: Universal Service

RECEIVED
MAY 6 1997
DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

May 6, 1997



Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Dear Commissioner Chong,
I urge your support of the "universal service" policy to facilitate the development of telemedicine services in remote areas. Our state has developed a telemedicine network which is still considered in infancy stages. We see telemedicine addresses many of the health care access problems in remote areas and a level playing field on telecommunication rates is necessary to carry telemedicine into the future. This measure could insure further development in our state. We would appreciate your support on this worthwhile measure. We would be happy to provide additional information on the importance to our state. I can be reached at the Oklahoma Hospital Association, 405-427-9537.

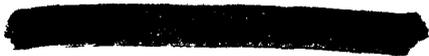
Sincerely,
Patti Davis
Vice President of Government Relations

CC: "Jim Quello" <jquello@fcc.gov>

SUNSHINE PERIOD

CC 96-45

From: Janet I Long <longs2@juno.com>
To: A7.A7(RHUNDT)
Date: May 6, 1997 12:27pm
Subject: Universal Service



DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL
RECEIVED

MAY 6 1997

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

You are urged to consider the high school taxes that have put schools in such a high social order in the United States before you tax internet users for modem use. The YMCA, YWCA, Cooperative Extension movement, are a few community organizations that are falling into disuse as schools absorb their functions. Public schools offer sports, games, counseling, day care, private access to unrestricted books. They have absorbed the roles of the community and the family in many places.

In the area of internet use, schools should apply to their own communities for the decision of whether internet access should be under their control and how such access should be paid for.

Federal control of education has been knocking at the door of learning for decades. The new "living library" of the internet should not be a federal institution.

Janet Long Assistant Section Manager, American Radio Relay League,
Retired
Teacher

CC: A7.A7(JQUELLO,SNESS,RCHONG)

CC 96-45

SUNSHINE PERIOD

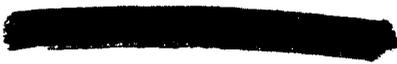
From: James R. Haring <jharing@juno.com>
To: A7.A7(RHUNDT,JQUELLO,SNESS,RCHONG)
Date: May 6, 1997 9:00am
Subject: Re: "Modem" Tax

RECEIVED

MAY 6 1997

Public Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Dear Commissioner:



I am opposed to any form of taxation or transfer payments to provide internet access.

I am totally confident that left to its own the free market and voluntary action will provide access where necessary. For example, you will notice from my e-mail address that the free market has provided me with free e-mail supported by advertising that I am free to ignore.

Jim Haring
738 W. Schubert Ave., Garden Apt.
Chicago, IL 60614
(773) 525-6511
JHaring@Juno.com

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

SUNSHINE PERIOD

From: "Chris Ruholt" <cabby27@fuse.net>
To: A7.A7(RCHONG)
Date: May 6, 1997 7:02am
Subject: Please reject Universal Service Pla [REDACTED]

CA 96-45
RECEIVED
MAY 6 1997

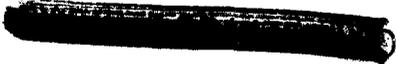
Hello,

I am a Disabled American Veteran who relies heavily on my Internet connection. Please don't make it too expensive for me to continue to do so.
H.C. Ruholt

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

SUNSHINE PERIOD

From: Patrick Rosenheim <Patrick.Rosenheim@pandabbs.com>
To: A7.A7(RCHONG)
Date: May 6, 1997 12:51am
Subject: FCC Vote On "Modem Tax" 

CC94-45
RECEIVED

MAY 6 1997

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

* Original message addressed to: rhundt@fcc.gov.
* Carbon copies sent to: jquello@fcc.gov, sness@fcc.gov, rchong@fcc.gov.

Dear Mr. Hundt, Mr. Quello, Ms. Ness, and Ms. Chong;

I would like to suggest that you reconsider your vote on the "Modem Tax".

I believe this "Modem Tax" is unfair, and possibly unconstitutional.

Please devote more time to study the alternatives (e.g., Net Day, access through existing state Internet networks).

I also believe the tax is structured to specifically punish Internet and online services and their subscribers. If the tax is necessary, it should be applied to all consumers and all businesses.

I think there has been insufficient study of the subject. There is little or no data to support the need for the tax, or to indicate whether the current proposal will be enough to do the job.

Sincerely,

Patrick Rosenheim

With Warm Regards For You and Yours From Your Friend in Danvers Massachusetts;
P@, a.k.a. Panda, email: panda@pandabbs.com, SATINS Whipping Boy and Treasurer
Member: AOP * Fido N330EC * Ask about TRANSX (FTS<>email) or FiFTP (FTS<>FTP!)
--- timEd/2 1.10

| Fidonet: Patrick Rosenheim 1:330/204

| Internet: Patrick.Rosenheim@pandabbs.com

| Standard disclaimer applies: The views of this user are strictly their own.

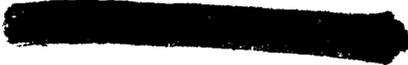
| Unsolicited COMMERCIAL email sent through this gateway subject to \$500 fee.

| SATINS, Superior Accessibility Through Intelligently Networked Systems

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

SUNSHINE PERIOD

CC 96-45

From: Erwin Leeper <Leep1@ourtownusa.com>
To: A7.A7(RCHONG)
Date: May 6, 1997 12:52am
Subject: Modem Tax 

RECEIVED

MAY 6 1997

The proposed tax on second telephone lines will hurt the people like myself who use the internet from their homes.

Erwin Leeper, leep1@ourtownusa.com

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

From: "John O'Donnell" <JohnOD@tyrconnell.com>
To: "'rhundt@fcc.gov'" <rhundt@fcc.gov>
Date: May 5, 1997 10:05pm
Subject: Modem Tax

SUNSHINE PERIOD

CC 94-48

RECEIVED

MAY 6 1997

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

Gentlemen;

It seems to me that your new modem tax is not at all well thought out unless your desire is to drive all the small independent ISP's out of business. What you propose simply transfers wealth from small ISP's to large telephone companies so that they can provide "low cost service" to schools and other government institutions which in most states they already must do anyway as part of their rate negotiations. In other words WE will subsidize the telco's rate concessions to state government. It appears at this end to just be a legalized transfer of wealth from small business to large corporations.

Large telco's already enjoy an enormous competitive advantage over small providers because they do not have to install large numbers of remote facilities to handle multiple exchanges, they simply call forward the calls to a central modem pool location. They can also locate inbound facilities at central offices and reduce the total network traffic that modem calls generate. If there is a problem with financing the increase in infrastructure that is required for this new technology, I'd suggest that it would be better if they were left to go and borrow the money to build it, or leave the market to those who are willing to take the risk.

Those of us that built this new technology with our vision for a new society, more efficient, more open and more free are ONCE AGAIN being overwhelmed by those with the political influence to change the rules mid-game. It's tiresome.

When the telco's have driven us all out of business, what will happen to internet connection rates? What will happen to customer service? Think about how your deregulation of cable TV affected rates. Did it accomplish the promised objective, or consolidate the industry? Perhaps there is something in your process that precludes small intelligent entrepreneurs from participating? Should we tell our employees that we can't send them to training because we need the \$2,500.00 to have a lawyer read the current FCC documents? If I had made a foolish choice like that, would it have affected the outcome? Think about all this. Thousands of REAL PEOPLE with REAL JOBS in small companies depend on your wisdom here. Maybe you want a society run by large companies with no loyalties to their employees. If you don't think that's a great idea, then maybe you'll consider telling the telephone companies to raise their capital in New York, instead of Washington, DC.

John O'Donnell
President - Tyrconnell Computer Services

<http://www.bbsnet.com/>

CC: "'jqello@fcc.gov'" <jqello@fcc.gov>

SUNSHINE PERIOD

CC96-45

From: Nevada Slim <jhwessell@lvdi.net>
To: A7.A7(RHUNDT)
Date: May 5, 1997 6:30pm
Subject: FCC Universal Service Plan

As a consumer, I am opposed to this plan. It will be costly to the individual users who access the internet thru an ISP or on-line service. When their costs got up to cover the cost of this plan it will be passed along to me. Please rethink the plan and see if the funding can't be found elsewhere.

Thanks for the time.
Jere H. Wessell
3611 Lincoln Rd.
Las Vegas, NV 89115
(702) 644-6291



CC: A7.A7(JQUELLO,SNESS,RCHONG)

RECEIVED

MAY 6 1997

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

SUNSHINE PERIOD

From: "David Spellman" <david@indigoweb.photopro.com>
To: A7.A7(RHUNDT)
Date: May 5, 1997 7:51pm
Subject: Please Vote NO on "Modem Tax"

CC96-45
RECEIVED

MAY 6 1997

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

WHAT THE PROBLEM IS:

On May 8, 1997, the Federal Communications Commission will vote on a proposal regarding "universal service."

If adopted, this proposal will cost consumers and businesses an estimated \$3 billion per year, and most of the financial burden will be borne by ISPs, online services and their customers. The FCC plans to fund the \$2.25 billion cost of this lower-cost school service each year by increasing telephone line fees for consumers and businesses that have more than one telephone line. The additional cost is estimated to be from \$4 to \$6 per line per month for businesses, and at least \$3.50 per line for consumers who have more than one telephone line to their homes.

For consumers, this will be a disincentive to add lines for fax or modem usage, and has been labeled by some consumer groups as a "modem tax."

The widest range of business users who have more than one telephone line will benefit from other reductions in long-distance charges that will offset the increases. This will not be the case for Internet Service Providers and online services, which have business lines used only for incoming dial-up access by their subscribers. ISPs and online services will therefore bear the brunt of the economic burden for this program.

WHAT I WOULD REQUEST THAT YOU DO

I am requesting that you vote against this plan for the following reasons:

- 1) The FCC will implement a sweeping new tax before studying the alternatives (e.g., Net Day, access through existing state Internet networks).
- 2) The tax is structured to specifically punish Internet and online services and their subscribers. If the tax is necessary, it should be applied to all consumers and all businesses.
- 3) There has been insufficient study of the subject. There is little or no data to support the need for the tax, or to indicate whether the current proposal will be enough to do the job.

Please vote against this plan and seek other alternatives!

David Spellman
618A Moulton Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90031
(213) 223-7770 Voice
(213) 223-3184 FAX

--
David Spellman
Futuaris Non Irresus Ridebis

SUNSHINE PERIOD

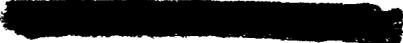
RECEIVED

CC 96-45

From: Tush Nikollaj <tush@Logical.Net>
To: A7.A7(RHUNDT,JQUELLO,SNESSE,RCHONG)
Date: May 5, 1997 6:27pm
Subject: FCC To Vote On "Modem Tax"

MAY 6 1997

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

To whom any it concern: 

On May 8, 1997, your Commission (FCC) will vote on a proposal regarding "universal service." I am totally opposed to this proposed plan for three reasons:

- 1) The FCC will implement a sweeping new tax before studying the alternatives (e.g., Net Day, access through existing state Internet networks).
- 2) The tax is structured to specifically punish us as Internet and online services and our subscribers. If this tax is necessary, it should be applied to all consumers and all businesses.
- 3) There has been insufficient study of this subject. There is little or no data to support the need for such a tax, and it does not indicate whether the current proposal will be enough to do the job.

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

Best Regards

Tush P. Nikollaj

Logical Net Corporation
1593 Central Avenue
Albany, NY 12205
tel: 518-452-9090
fax: 518-869-6554

CC: Tush Nikollaj <tush@logical.net>

SUNSHINE PERIOD

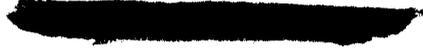
From: Chad Sasso <cesasso@hopper.unh.edu>
To: Commisioners <jquello@fcc.gov>
Date: May 5, 1997 6:01pm
Subject: Opposition of modem line tax

RECEIVED

CE96-45

MAY 6 1997

Dear sir/madam:



Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

I recently read about the ruling of a new proposed fee for Internet/Online service modem users on the Cnet Website. As a student, I need to use the Internet on a constant basis in order to do research for my work. I would like to express my oposition to this new fee-based telephone line, as local calls from my telephone company are, and have always been, free. AT&T as well as the "baby bell" telephone companies certainly have enough money to survive during this time of digital revolution, and it would just be an added incentive to not go online. If you do decide to vote yes to the new fee, I beleive that you should do so after extensive research on the affects of this tax on the general public.

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

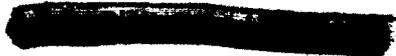
Sincerely yours,

Chad Sasso
Student, University of New Hampshire

SUNSHINE PERIOD

CC 96-45

From: "PAUL W. MCDOWELL" <hamrye19@IDT.NET>
To: A7.A7(rhundt)
Date: May 6, 1997 1:18pm
Subject: No more taxes



RECEIVED

MAY 6 1997

Chairman Hundt, and Commissioners:

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

This is just one small voice of many, asking you and your commissioners, to vote down this so called "MODEM TAX", until a better study has been made. I myself, and many others like me, retired, and disabled, who live on fixed incomes, can no longer stand any more taxes, of any kind. This modem tax, will take me off the inter net, and also off Packet, on Ham Radio. Please think of all of this, and vote this tax DOWN.....

Thank You,
Paul W. McDowell

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

CC: A7.A7(JQUELLO,SNESS,RCHONG)

96-45

SUNSHINE PERIOD

RECEIVED

MAY 6 1997

From: "Dave Middleton" <doc.holiday@icdc.com>
To: A7.A7(rhndt)
Date: 5/6/97 3:34pm
Subject: Reject "universal service"

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL
Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

I am writing to ask you to reject the proposal regarding "universal service." This appears to be nothing more than a modem tax. The tax is structured to specifically punish Internet and online services and their subscribers. If the tax is necessary, it should be applied to all consumers and all businesses. There has been insufficient study of the subject, and there is little or no data to support the need for the tax, or to indicate whether the current proposal will be enough to do the job.

Thank you for your time,
David Middleton
InterNet Connect

06-45

SUNSHINE PERIOD

RECEIVED

From: James Phillips <Jim.Phillips@worldnet.att.net>
To: Reed Hunt <rhundt@fcc.gov>
Date: 5/6/97 3:32pm
Subject: Universal Service Tax

MAY 6 1997

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Dear Sirs & Ladies;

I understand that on May the 8th you are supposed to vote on the Issue of "Universal Service".

Please !!!!! Please !!!!!

VOTE NO

This Tax if Enacted would cost me as an Individual Extra for My Second Phone Line which is in effect a TAX on MODEMS.

This is as I understand to Subsidize Schools & Low Cost Businesses.

HOW ABOUT ME. I am retired and on Social Security.

GOD and my Computers and Modem (For Internet) are my Entire Life.

Thank you for your Consideration.

--

Jim Phillips
Email Address: Jim.Phillips@worldnet.att.net

CC: James Quello <jquello@fcc.gov>

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

96-45

From: <sysop@bfdin.com>
To: A7.A7(SNESS)
Date: 5/6/97 1:16am
Subject: Disagree with Universal Service as planned

SUNSHINE PERIOD

I am not in favor of the Universal Plan as proposed and as I understand is due for a vote on May 8, 1997.

My reasons are:

- 1) The FCC will implement a sweeping new tax before studying the alternatives (e.g., Net Day, access through existing state Internet networks).
- 2) The tax is structured to specifically punish Internet and online services and their subscribers. If the tax is necessary, it should be applied to all consumers and all businesses.
- 3) There has been insufficient study of the subject. There is little or no data to support the need for the tax, or to indicate whether the current proposal will be enough to do the job.

We already provide free service to the American Red Cross in our county, the Emergency Management Agency in our county as well as a number of other community organizations and non-profit agencies in our county.

Please give this further consideration, and I would hope that this current proposal is voted down.

Thank you for your time.

William C. Edgar
Bradford, PA

RECEIVED

MAY 6 1997

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary