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From: Smokey Forester <smokey@smokey.com>
To: A4.A4(FCCINFO)
Date: 1/7/98 11:54am
Subject: Public Payphones

Dear FCC,

Many payphones in New York City (not Bell Atlantic, but the new privately-owned ones) do not allow (800) carriers to be reached, in violation of your rules. Please consider stepping up enforcement of this impediment to the common carrier of my choice.

Also, please consider reducing the new \$.35/call access fee charged common carriers for use of pay phones. There is no good reason why access to a common carrier should have a higher charge than a local phone call.

Thank you for your consideration.

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From: JMurray123 <JMurray123@aol.com>
To: A7.A7(wkennard)
Date: 1/7/98 4:33pm
Subject: Payphone situation

Recently, I got my bill from my phone credit card company with the explanation of additional charges for payphone based credit card calls. I am of the opinion that phone companies are making enough from the high prices being charged to users of these phones. Why let them over charge 800 and 888 #s as well? They should be required to provide free access to 800 and 888 #s as compensation for access to the high profit business of payphones. I ask that the FCC stop allowing this restriction of public access to toll-free #s
- Joe Murray

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