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I oppose raising rates to internet users. Why should telcos be immune to charges and local ISP's are not. Is this a monopoly?

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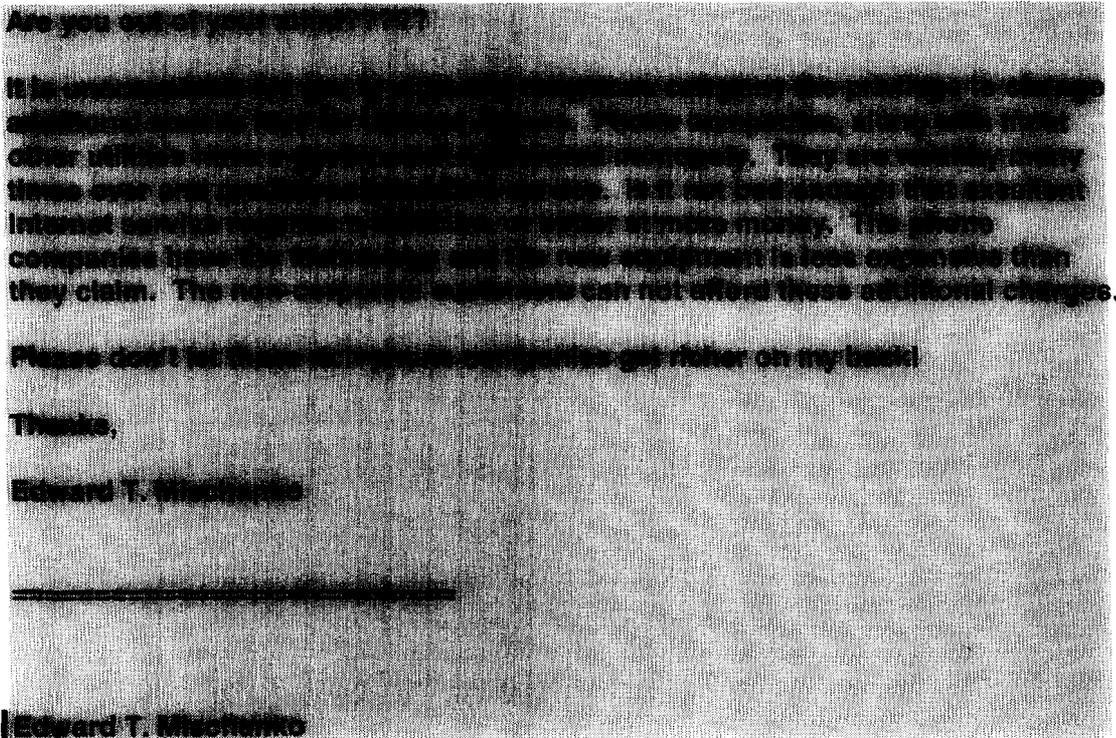
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**From:** info@iland.net  
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**Subject:** FCC Needs Input On Per Minute Charges By 1/20/98!

To: All I-Land Users  
From: Rick McMillin, I-Land Internet Services  
Re: FCC Needs Input On Per Minute Charges By 1/20/98!

You may or may not be aware of the news item circulating around the Internet concerning the FCC and the possibility that there will be additional fees levied on phone users and/or ISPs. If you aren't, here's a news article which sums things up quite nicely:

<http://www.news.com/News/Item/0,4,17860,00.html>

It appears that there is a definite possibility that per-minute charges will be put into effect. However, at this stage of the game it is very unclear whether they would be assessed on the consumer, the local ISPs, neither or both.

What IS clear is that there is no certainty in what the FCC might do, and that the timetable for comments and rewriting the rules is ridiculous. Comments must be submitted by January 20, 1998 -- two weeks for formal comments on major revisions to the universal services regulations!! Yikes!

As we see it, here's the issue: Local phone companies

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in general want the ISP business to themselves. They're claim that all this Internet use is overloading their systems -- while simultaneously running to open their own ISPs (which of course would NOT be subject to these charges). Obviously they think the ISP business is worth pursuing, they just want to price everyone else out of the market.

If these access charges go through, most users Internet access will cost significantly more -- either directly, by the telephone company's charging you more for your phone line(s), or indirectly, by ISPs raising their rates in order to cover their additional costs.

Want some scary numbers? Long distance companies pay \$.06/min access charges to local telephone companies. If similar charges were placed on Internet calls, users who spend an average of 60 minutes per day on-line would see their monthly bill go up ~\$108/month. That's not small change.

The URL for the FCC request for public comment on this is:

[http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common\\_Carrier/Public\\_Notices/1998/da980002.html](http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Common_Carrier/Public_Notices/1998/da980002.html)

To submit a comment on this issue via the Web, you can go to:

<http://dettifoss.fcc.gov:8080/cgi-bin/ws.exe/beta/ecfs/upload.htm>

\*\*\* If you submit a comment, it is important that you reference Proceeding # 96-45, or the comments may not be properly directed at the FCC. \*\*\*

The last time this issue came up, over 800,000 angry voter's comments helped strike it down. We can do the same again. Please take the time to register your opposition to this proposal.

Thanks!!!

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The idea of paying anymore by the month or by the minute because I'm using the internet is BAD NEWS. The big phone companys have been pushing use of the internet for years and now that it's in place you are going to try to raise the cost. Results Keep the little guy down, Get people to where they need the internet and then come back to them and Take more money. Was this in yours & thier plans from the beginning. The goverment wants a better way to keep in touch with the people and this is it, Now you want to raise the price or put more restrictions on them to where the rich get richer and the lower incomes get more expenses and do without. I run a small business and am covered with expenses mandated by the government that makes it almost impossiable to survive. So think long and hard before you approve any new rules that is going to cost more for the american people.

Wayne Terry

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The idea of requiring a per minute charge to internet user calls appears to be a move for the benefit of the telephone companies, not the public. At a time when we brag about the increasing volume capability of fiber optics a move such as this seems especially transparent. Certainly, additional charges will reduce usage; leaving technology once again a privelege of those with greater discretionary funds, not the majority for whom information access was to be a boon. My students are just beginning to learn and use the internet in this rural community.

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This comment is in reference to proceeding 96-45. As a user of the internet, I am outraged that it is being considered to raise the rates of internet access and the use of e-mail. This is one of the last forms of information gathering and personal communication forms left that is reasonably priced for the average American. If costs to the consumer are raised, I, along with thousands of others will no longer be able to use these services. I am firmly against any proposal that will increase my costs.

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I pay per month for my local telephone priveleges, charging per minute for it wouldn't be right.

What would be the guarantee that this charge wouldn't carry over into into my local calls? I though my per minute charges were for long distance usage? Isn't what I pay local fees for anyway?

As you can see I have just a few questions concerning such actions, and I could probably come up with quite a few more. The biggest pinch would be felt by the local businesses who supply the access, the businesses that are still in thier infancy in the "Internet Marketplace" (shopping over the net), SCHOOLS,...

The harm caused by such illconceived notions such as this would hurt many in this growing electronic age. Granted, the systems may be overloaded, but isn't this the purpose on the established fees in the first place, to maintain and upgrade said systems so that they can handle it. This action by the phone industry is nothing more than a blatent money grab.

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CC Docket No. 96-45 (Report to Congress)

Dear FCC:

You must work long hours and stay up late at night in order to think up new ways to RAPE the American Consumer. Deregulation of telephone service (in the name of competition and LOWER consumer cost) has required States to change regulations in our local service areas. One of the "benefits" is elimination of the Public Service Commission "mandate" of COS (Community Optional Service in our area. COS is the rural equivalent of what metropolitan areas have in telephone service, ie, Area Wide Calling without Long Distance Charges (although we do pay a fee each month for the service which metropolitan areas users do not.) In the rural areas we do not have the benefit of a metropolitan service area calling luxury and therefore will once again be raped by the utilities by being charged long distance fees for calling our "next door" neighbor in many cases.

NOW IT COMES TO MY ATTENTION THAT YOU ARE CONSIDERING ASSESSING ADDITIONAL FEES UPON PHONE USERES (and/or Internet Service Providers which will pass those costs on to the consumer/user of Internet Services) for telephone usage via a PER MINUTE USAGE CHARGE. My comment on your performance is "NICE JOB" as you seem to have found another way to uphold the high standards of your political profession, ie, RAPING THE AMERICAN CONSUMER!!

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Considering that the phone company already charges me long distance fees to call my work (10 miles from home) I don't see any reason to give them additional money. They make more than enough.

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Please don't allow the phone companies to get their hands on the ISP's that we all rely on for good service at a good price.

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As a long time user of a local ISP for my Internet service, it is totally unreal to hear that the FCC is contemplating adding additional fees to the cost that I already pay. This surely appears as though the local telephone companies want all the phone business plus control the Internet services. I am totally against the concept of adding additional fees. I am currently paying \$19.95 a month in fees and that about all I will be willing to spend!! Thanks for hearing my comments.

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This is an absurd proposition. To think that anyone would even dream of such an idea is unthinkable. These charges that the local phone companies are complaining about are added into our phone bills already. If this idiotic idea is passed, then those of us Americans that use ISP's will be paying for it twice! Your main purpose in existence, is to assist the general population in the control and function of the Communications of this nation, not to support big business. With the fact that you are even entertaining this idea, leads me to believe that your only interest in this the support of big business, and to stick it to the citizens of this nation. You've already messed up the CATV industry, don't do us any favors with the internet, unless that is your goal, to shut it down. Actions like this, lead me to firmly believe that you should be the next 'downsized government agency'. The people don't need a FCC, that doesn't look out for their best interests!

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The thought of the local telephone servers getting their way to charge local per minute charges infuriates me. Thousands, probably millions, of every day citizens, who have placed the internet and e-mail within their budget, would be outraged to be forced to pay ridiculous per minute charges. Public perception would be that small businesses (i.e. local internet providers) get the short end of the stick--again. And the average American consumer, again, is forced to suck up to big business. I exhort you to not pass the proposed per minute local charge legislation now or ever.

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