

**From:** "Shaun Kirchin" <shaunkirchin@email.msn.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(FCCINFO)  
**Date:** 1/27/98 10:55am  
**Subject:** FCC Mandated Payphone Fee

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you a quick note to express my disliking of the the new Federal Communications Commissions law mandating a \$0.35 fee added to my credit card bill for each phone call I use from a pay phone. I think this is a ridiculous charge and it increases my phone bill drastically. With me being a recent college graduate and having a sales job that pays by a 100% commission, my expenses add up, all of which I am responsible for. An example of this raised my last phone bill almost 33%. My phone charges were \$23.26 and my FCC mandated payphone fees were \$7.35. The phone companies are getting us coming and going.

I would like to see this new law deleted and stop trying to squeeze available cent out of the American people.

Sincerely,  
Shaun Kirchin

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**From:** SIRKASEY <SIRKASEY@aol.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(FCCINFO)  
**Date:** 1/26/98 9:25pm  
**Subject:** payphone increased fees.

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We are a member in good standing with Owner Operator Independent Drivers Association. As a owner operator in the trucking bussiness; our telephone cost has gone up with telephone deregulation. This additional fee for calling 800 numbers from payphone will greatly increase our expence's.

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How can you charge more for 800 number call, {.30 } when phone calls in the north east are .10 from a payphone???

This expence will affect phone call I make to the compnay I am leased to do, this will effect my nationwide beeper expence, and this will also effect my phone call home to my family. And this will add a cost to the people I do business with.

About 98 % of my business phone calls from the road are from pay phones; to 800 phone numbers.

We totally disapprove of this action.

We will be contact our congressmen on this action, Hoping that some action can be done.

Sincerelly,

Ralph E. Bogue  
Ralph E. Bogue, Trucking

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**From:** Benjamin S Harris <bsharris@maxwell.syr.edu>  
**To:** A4.A4(FCCINFO)  
**Date:** 1/26/98 4:43pm  
**Subject:** Steep fees

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Dear FCC,

I am distressed to hear of rising rates on calling card calls made from a pay phone. Thirty cents is very high and it seems as though this reform is not consumer oriented and lacks competition as far as from the pay phone provider service perspective. I run a business through my pager and use my calling card often. Please eliminate or lower this ridiculous charge of thirty cents per call. Thank you.

Ben Harris

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**From:** SSAujla <SSAujla@aol.com>  
**To:** A4.A4(FCCINFO)  
**Date:** 1/26/98 2:19am  
**Subject:** Payphone ruling

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to inform you that your ruling to allow payphone companies to charge telephone companies for access to toll-free numbers was not a wise decision. All it does is makes it more expensive for middle class people like myself to afford toll free numbers for our small business because of the higher costs.

I hope you will reconsider your decision.

Very truly yours,  
Sandeep Singh Aujla

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