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With respect to the telephone companies seeking permission to charge for "per minute" internet usage I respectfully submit the following: UNDER NO UNCERTAIN TERMS, ARE THE TELEPHONE COMPANIES TO BE ALLOWED, GRANTED, PERMITTED, OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED TO ADD TO, CHARGE FOR, OR OTHERWISE CAUSE INCREASED FEES TO BE APPLIED TO INTERNET USAGE. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. ALOT OF PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL IS MONEY. WHAT THE BIBLE ACTUALLY SAYS IS THE "LOVE" OF MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL. IF THE PHONE COMPANIES WANT TO CHARGE ISP'S FOR USAGE, THEN SET THEIR OWN ISP'S AND NOT HAVE TO PAY THOSE SAME COSTS. THIS CONSTITUTES AN UNFAIR BUSINESS ADVANTAGE ARTICULATED BY GOVERNMENT. NO WAY...NOT NOW...NOT EVER. DO NOT ALLOW FOR ANY TELEPHONE COMPANY, OR ANY TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY TO INFRINGE ON THE AFFORDABILITY OF ACCESS TO THE INTERNET.

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ISPs should NOT be reclassified as telecommunications services NOR should they be required to pay into the universal service fund. The Internet is a wonderful medium of free speech and one this country's best technological breakthroughs in many years. While still in its infancy, the continued growth of this technology should NOT be thwarted by undue impositions being perpetrated by the greed of the local phone companies. Keep the Internet free and alive!

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Applicant Name: Douglas J. Hine
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City: APO State: AK
Zip Code: 96204 Postal Code: _____
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Per minute charges should NOT be imposed on internet access.

Thank You,

Douglas J. Hine

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Proceeding: UNIVERSAL SERVICE Record 1 of 1
Applicant Name: Robert W. Bash
Proceeding Name: 96-45 Author Name: Robert W. Bash
Lawfirm Name: N/A
Contact Name: None Contact Email: rbash@megabits.net
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Address Line 2: None
City: Titusville State: AK
Zip Code: 32796 Postal Code:
Submission Type: 1 Submission Status: ACCEPTED Viewing Status: n
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Dear FCC,

I object to any ruling by the FCC that will result in any "per minute" charges being levied on individual end-users by any means... directly or indirectly."

I selected my internet service provider based on his rates and the fact that it is a "local call". I feel that it is unfair to charge me at a different rate for this "local call" than than is charged for any other local call.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Bash

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Applicant Name: Linda M. Massen

Proceeding Name: 96-45 Author Name: Linda M. Massen

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I am OPPOSED TO PER MINUTE CHARGES being levied by phone companies for Internet use. It will only widen the gap between the "Haves" and the "Have-nots" in American society. Allowing such charges is most certainly in conflict with the mandate of the National Information Infrastructure. Given the enormous amount of information disseminated electronically by the Federal Government as well as independent sources, it is quite unfair to allow something which in a roundabout way limits electronic access to information for the majority of the people in the country, including the stalwart Middle Class. Most people would not be able to afford to use the medium at all with such charges, especially underprivileged individuals, new users, and youth. The citizens need the help of their government on this issue. Please do not allow more charges, but seek instead a more forward-looking solution. This is the comment of an ordinary, working person. Thank you.

Proceeding: UNIVERSAL SERVICE Record 1 of 1
Applicant Name: James Busby
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Submission Type: CO Submission Status: ACCEPTED Viewing Status: UNRESTRICTED
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I oppose the consideration of a "per-minute" charge for accessing the internet through a local Internet Service Provider. I see ISP's more like cable companies than phone companies. I am not charged a per minute fee for watching T.V. Additionally, can you fathom the complexity of a per minute billing system that would incorporate local, domestic long distance and international long distance? Will I have to pay different rates for local internet sites, long distance (in state) for other Texas sites, long distance for our of state sites and rates for international sites. Yikes! You would have complexities beyond complexities in one connection. Would I get double billed if I opened two browser windows (on local and one international)??

On a final note...what would such a structure do to the Presidential initiative to connect every public school and library to the internet?

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Applicant Name: M. Harvey
Proceeding Name: 96-45 Author Name:
Lawfirm Name:
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Address Line 2:
City: Brewster State: NY
Zip Code: 10509 Postal Code:
Submission Type: CO Submission Status: ACCEPTED Viewing Status: UNRESTRICTED
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Applicant Name: Brian Ellis

Proceeding Name: 96-45 Author Name:

Lawfirm Name:

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Zip Code: 32606 Postal Code: 5924

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The effects of a per minute charge would be devastating to residential internet user. Costs for an average of 30 hours a month of Internet Access could exceed \$110. This is clearly more than the average consumer can pay. While the local ISP's go under, the phone companies will continue to offer their own ISP's at no additional cost to the consumer. Effectively creating a monopoly. Please support competition and the growth of the Internet as we know it. Please do not pass these proposed modifications to FCC Codes.

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Proceeding Name: 96-45

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Zip Code: 74063 Postal Code: 0789

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Submission Status: ACCEPTED

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I think it is a ridiculous request that the Telephone service providers want to charge connection fees to ISP's while trying to compete with them in providing the same service. No one should be subjected to extra time charges over and above what they are already paying for each month. The telephone company is already getting paid for their service. That's I get a bill each month. I hope you have presence of mind enough to not allow these extra charges to become reality. This would cause unfair trade practices in the communications industry.

Thank You,
Jim Orcutt

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Zip Code: 65345 Postal Code:
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If my local Ips or Internet Service Provider is classified as a telecommunications carrier, the rate can and will go up. This will put me out of the internet. I can only afford the current rate structure, any increases will destroy me. I do not want the IPS classified as a carrier.

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City: **San Francisco** State: **CA**
Zip Code: **94131** Postal Code: **1909**
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As I see it, the issue is this: Local phone companies want the ISP business to themselves. They're using the 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 that isn't them out of the market.

If these access charges go through, for most people their 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.

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The proposed per minute charge for dial-up Internet access is ludicrous. Service companies like the Bells etc. capitalize on the needs of the masses excessively. It is not in the public interest to impose fees that would restrict access to those not fortunate enough to be able to pay unnecessary additional charges.

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Applicant Name: Frank Earl
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City: Flower Mound State: TX
Zip Code: 75028 Postal Code:
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I do not think that most ISPs are telecommunications providers.
I do not agree with charging for universal access by virtue of
the fact that there are far more than enough commercial endeavors
that are filling the bill on thier own without "assistance" of
any kind.

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