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Even in this backwater area more & more Real Estate brokers are going on the Internet - as have I. I cannot possibly afford to pay additional moneys for it for it, and, as a small agency, I would literally be forced out of business by the competition . So would all the small businesses which sprouted out of the massive IBM downsizing in the area. Potential customers will not pay by the minute to visit business web sites. Many of us are saved from joining the ranks of the bankrupt only by the advent of the Net as a creative means of doing business.

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Reclassifying internet service providers as "telecommunications services" would have the highly-undesirable effect of adding overhead to the already-expensive business of providing competitive service to the end user, and pave the way for additional connection fees. As an Internet user I can tell you I strongly oppose such a move.

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I believe it is important that the cost of Internet access be maintained at as low a level as possible. Do not reclassify ISPs such that they will have to pay additional fees to the telcos, which will of course be passed along to consumers.

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I would like it to be known that myself and family members are against charges being incurred by ISPs. I do not feel that we need any further charges added to our internet access fees which would have to be passed along to the consumer.

Thank you,
George Patton

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Sirs,

It is my understanding that this measure will look at ISPs as telecommunication providers and consider a fee to be in place for Internet access. This idea of an additional fee for access is not a good one. As a home consumer of Internet access, I already pay local, state, and federal taxes (or fees) for my phone lines (one for voice and one for data), long distance calls, local phone service, and internet access time. I believe that any fee for internet access is already being paid in these taxes. No home consumer can explain how or where these taxes are calculated to begin with.

There are other quality issues I wish to address, but realize that this may not be the place. Suffice it to say that the home consumer is over-burdened enough with taxes and fees that an additional fee will not be tolerated.

Thank you for your time,
Robert Stephenson

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This is in response to the possibility of per-minute charges being put into effect that would be assessed on the consumer, the local ISPs, neither, both, or what.

It would not be a good thing if this happened, especially if it was assessed on the consumer. That action right there would be the start of the internet/web becoming the playground of the rich.

And then there would no longer be the original purpose of the web; that is, to be available for the average person.

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I am writing to express my disdain towards any change in the Telecommunication Bill, that increases the charges that may end at the user-level. As an on-line user, I feel that the price currently paid for on-line service (through my ISP and Bell-Atlantic Telco) are suffice.
I wish to no longer be dealt issues that increase my cost for phone service.

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Comment of Mollee & Michael Olenick
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San Jose, CA 95132
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Our names are Michael & Mollee Olenick. We live in San Jose, CA, with our one year-old baby Ezra.

We are Internet content providers: that group of people which designs and distributes software over the Internet. Our Internet programs have been well received. Two of our programs have disseminated public health information which would have otherwise been difficult for individuals to receive (<http://www.pregnancycalendar.com> & <http://www.olen.com/food>).

Because the Internet is a very young medium quite a few of the companies involved in Internet programming are, like our own, young. Frankly, most startups have little money and any change in FCC rules which raise the cost of our most expensive consumable -- Internet access -- would impose an undue and unjust burden on us.

All people make choices: we choose to live in an area where housing is very expensive because of increased business opportunity. But it is not fair to ask us to jeopardize our businesses in order to subsidize the lifestyles of those who choose to live in remote or rural areas. Just as they do not subsidize the price of expensive California housing for us (or expensive Washington DC/Maryland housing for commission members) neither should we be expected to subsidize the additional cost of Internet connectivity for them.

Additionally there is not a problem with Internet connectivity. The Internet is spreading faster than any other communication medium in history. There is no reason for government to intervene in any way to spread this growth. A more rational role for government might be the policing of the cancers of unchecked Internet growth -- i.e.: unsolicited commercial e-mail ("Spam") or the thwarting of dishonest trade statements -- rather than an effort to spread Internet access to rural libraries.

We ask you -- when considering this rule -- to not only consider how it will benefit a small group of rural townsfolk or help regional telcos but rather to consider the extremely negative, detrimental effect it will have on micro-upstarts like our own company.

Just to reiterate: we urge you in the strongest terms to reject any redefinitions of language or change in rules which might cause an escalation in the price of Internet connectivity rates. Such a rule change would pose a very serious burden to the many American micro-companies making their living via the Internet.

Best Personal Regards,

Mollee & Michael Olenick
Olen Publishing, Inc.

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The internet is a wonderful, new, FLEDGLING industry whose further growth will benefit society. Already, society is seeing important benefits in the increased ease of communication and of information access and retrieval. One reason for the rapid growth of the internet and the spread of its benefits is that it's built on top of the existing phone infrastructure, including a single price for a local call, no matter how long that call might be. Changing this structure does not benefit the fledgling internet industry, the consumer, or society. It benefits only phone companies.

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To whom it may concern:

I believe that "universal service" should not apply to Internet Service Providers. We, as subscribers to the phone company, must already pay a fee to connect to our service provider. It is unfair to also require internet service provider to pay a phone fee for our connection. It appears that the phone company is attempting to "double-dip." If this is approved, the cost will be passed on to the customer from the internet service provider. This will inhibit the growth and usage of the internet.

Sincerely,
Jason Cooper

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I am a disabled Veteran, a quadriplegic. I use my computer for almost everything, most importantly work. Since my work involves providing information to internet users, both my ability to work and my place of employment would be in severe jeopardy if the local phone companies are able to charge per minute for internet usage. I have no doubt that internet usage would drastically drop if users were required to pay the additional costs. This drop would diminish my the revenue my company generates by providing its service, resulting in job losses. Please be aware that my situation is anything but isolated. Providing local carriers the right to charge per minute for internet access will have a catastrophic, negative effect on the economy, effecting everyone.

Michael R. Tuzi

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I am under the impression that there is a proposal in front of the FCC to impose per minute charges for Internet connections. I am also led to believe that this is sponsored by all the Bell companies.

If this is, in fact, true, I am opposed to this based on the fact that this would likely severely limit Internet traffic. The information on the Internet and Internet connectivity in general is an extraordinary method of transferring information directly to individuals.

It is my view that the free flow of information is in the public interest and serves a greater need than an the alleged rate increase sought by the Bell companies.

It should also be known that this information came to me via the Internet. Without the free flow of information on the Internet, I effectively, would not have had the opportunity to express my view because of the low public profile maintained by the Bell Companies and the FCC on this particular matter.

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NO on expanding the definition of Access Fee requirements. ISP's should be charged Access Fees, not should they be allowed to pass these costs along to subscribers. It will inhibit competition, as well as progress being made in the Voice/Video over IP market. Thank you.

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