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From: "John Skach" <jskach@geneer.com>
To: A4.A4(FCCINFO)
Date: 2/12/98 10:50am
Subject: Telecom Act of 1996 (Docket No. 96-128)

Regarding the required fee for 800/888 numbers at payphones --

What an incredibly stupid idea.

'nuff said

Sincerely
John R. Skach
227 West Ridge Trail
Palatine IL 60067

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From: Mike Rouzer <76364.2707@compuserve.com>
To: A4.A4(FCCINFO)
Date: 2/11/98 10:28pm
Subject: Pay phone Charges

I would like to complain about the new 35 cent charges allowed for pay phone access to 1-800 numbers. This charge is a failure of your responsibilities and EVEN LOCAL CALLS ARE ONLY .25 !!!

The dramatic increase in costs involved for anyone who had used 800 service is unconscionable.

These charges should be recinded immediatly. I personally am doing without rather than use a pay phone.

Sincerely, Mike Rouzer

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From: "J.C. Moir" <jmoir@cts.com>
To: A4.A4(FCCINFO),FCCMAIL.SMTPNLM("jmoir@cts.com","pm...
Date: 2/11/98 2:49am
Subject: 800/888 Payphone Surcharges

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Gentlemen:

As the proud user of 888 voicemail from Across America Voicemail and an 800 pager from Skytel, I am concerned and upset by the recent changes in access to toll free numbers from payphones.

I feel that assessing the surcharge to the owner of the number is unwise and unfair, since I have only the choice of allowing anyone to call my numbers from any payphone at 30 cents a pop, or blocking anyone, including myself, from ever accessing my voicemail or pager from a payphone.

Since it is the private payphone owners that want to be paid, why don't you authorize them to charge to 30 cent fee to the customer who just picked up the phone. This would be market based, and, judging by the recent deregulation of payphone local rates, very successful at increasing competition. Some payphone operators would decide that the 30 cent charge is not justified, and lower the fees to only 15 or 20 cents.

Sincerely,

Patrick Moir

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