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**To:** A7.A7 (WKENNARD)  
**Date:** 3/10/98 7:34pm  
**Subject:** Charges for 800/888 numbers from pay phones

Dear Sir,

I wish to express my dissatisfaction with the recently imposed ruling that forces the recipients of 800/888 toll free calls, made from pay phones, to reimburse the owner of the pay phone \$.28 per call. I am retired and travel extensively in a recreational vehicle. I use pay phones frequently for reservations and checking voice mail. From my experience, the goal of paying pay phone owners for 800/888 calls could be accomplished far more easily and cheaply by requiring me to insert the coins in the phone when I make the call, rather than going through the convoluted and expensive method of requiring the calls recipient to determine that the call was made from a pay phone and then paying the owner of the phone.

The current method of paying for these calls can reduce the availability of goods and services that I enjoy by making their cost prohibitive. I do not object to paying for the calls I make and prefer to do it directly rather than having those charges become part of higher prices for the services provided by the businesses I contact.

I would ask that you amend your ruling to charge the use fee at the calling end of the phone, rather than the receiving end.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**CC:** A7.A7 (GTRISTAN, MPOWELL, HFURCHTG, SNESS)

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