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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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This is a public  
comment for WC  
Docket NO#12-375

Dear, Ms. Dortch,

I am writing today to comment on the current conditions surrounding telephone calls from prison. Currently the contract between Global Tel Link and the Pa Department of Corrections sets out the following fee schedule for in-state calls.

Local call: \$1.60  
calls within the same area code: \$3.35  
calls outside the area code but in-state: \$5.15

Prior to the enactment of the rules governing out of state calls we were charged over \$9.00 for a call out of state. However, we only pay \$3.30. All phone calls are made prepaid/debt no collect calls are allowed. While we as prisoners are thankful for the FCC's work to curb the cost of out of state calls. It did not go far enough and in most cases we currently pay more for a in-state call than out of state, and with the DOC's policy of sending prisoners across state from their homes most of the 53,000+ prisoners are force to pay the highest rate \$5.15 for a 15 minute call. the only other option is to pay for a "Vanity" number which can range from \$9.99 to \$24.99 a month in addition to the fee for the cost of the call.

Also prior to the enactment of the rules governing out of state phone calls the DOC enjoyed a 40-44% kickback on all calls. I would encourage the committee to enact rules banning the practice of kickbacks to the DOC from the phone vendor. I would also encourage the committee to consider the following proposals rules for in-state calls.

1. All phone calls would be capped at a flat 5¢ per minute
2. The maximum connection fee for a call be capped at 25¢
3. All prisoners receive one 15 minute call each month for free

Staying in touch with family and friends is a vital part of rehabilitation process. It is my hope that the FCC will reinforce the importance of communication by enacting rules which will result on equal access to telephone calls for all, I have not called my own mother in a year because. Am from philadelphia, and I am only miles away from canada. And not let it remain a resource only for the well off in prison.

Thankyou,  
sincerely,

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