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I am writing about the necessity of maintaining copper telephone landlines. Fiber optics are not, nor will likely be, available in all areas of the country. Cell phone reception in some areas is nonexistent plus battery life of cells is limited. Internet phones are equally "iffy" in many areas. Fiber optic service represents a real increase in usage fees. In addition, until the US government sets strict controls over the corporations, such as it did with the former Bell Telephone monopoly, consumers are at risk of being taken advantage.