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VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 12-375

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Securus Technologies, Inc. hereby files, in the above-identified proceeding, the attached document pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1204(a) which states in pertinent part that

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Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions: 202.857.6081.

Sincerely,

s/Stephanie A. Joyce

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Prison phone companies fight for right to charge inmates \$14 a minute (arstechnica.com)
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[-] Cojemos 1 point 1 day ago
Only in the USA where they suck every penny out of those who have the absolute least.
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[-] monomach 4 points 1 day ago
Sounds like the real criminals are on the outside and own telephone companies.
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[-] zemallo -1 points 1 day ago
Makes them pay for their own stays in prison so us law abiding citizens don't have to. Go for it.
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[-] PumpkinPie 4 points 1 day ago
You must buy \$25 cards to charge the call, so the real cost is \$25/minute. Balance is non-refundable.
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[-] VowOfKsitigarbha 1 point 1 day ago
More crimes = More prisoners = More whatever they charge for basic living need = More money. Maybe it's time to run a private sewer company so you can charge \$50 every time some prisoner use the restroom. Food company that charge \$100 per pound of rice.

Sounds like a great business to me. It would be even better if education/healthcare price can be higher and wage is lower so most people won't be able to afford them without committing crimes. Their family will be working hard to pay anyway.
That's exactly why we cannot elect someone like Sanders as the president. So many business like this will be crushed and so many people will lose their jobs. /s
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[-] pohatu 1 point 1 day ago
Some of these ceos need to be beaten down by former convicts, or whatever these criminals think is fair.
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[-] LAULITICS 2 points 1 day ago
Correction. Prison telecommunication providers fight for right to extort the incarcerated.
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[-] manbearbatman 3 points 1 day ago
I get it that these guys are criminals but 14 dollars a minute is completely unreasonable.
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[-] TexasWithADollarsign 1 point 1 day ago
Richard Smith and Brian Oliver have been added to my list of people I would beat senseless Bear Jew-style if given the opportunity. If they were trapped in a burning building, I'd throw gasoline on the fire. They are a cancer of this earth, and deserve to suffer in this world and beyond for what they're doing to prisoners and their families.

[-] uselesDDM -1 points 1 day ago
Why should they give up the right without a fight? What's in it for them? If your boss says he is only paying you half from now on and with the rest he is buying some homeless people food, would you say yes?

[-] shotleft 6 points 1 day ago
I suppose you can charge whatever you want in a captive market.

[-] BronsonBuster 4 points 1 day ago
"They could be left with the lowest quality of phone service?" Motherfucker it's a land line and its 2015. You're not providing fucking healthcare to them you're a middleman to a fucking land line.

[-] SpeakerToRedditors -3 points 1 day ago
That is only 4 cents more than TMobiles pay as you go plan. It's actually reasonable for a no contract calling rate.

[-] hawksaber 5 points 1 day ago
GTL CEO Brian Oliver claimed that the FCC has "***hurt inmates and their families—the very people they set out to help. While they might see lower per-minute rates, they could be left with either the lowest quality of phone service or no phone service at all.***"

My God... does this guy actually believe the nuclear-level b.s. he just spewed out of his mouth?? How does this man sleep at night?

[-] 5yearsinthefuture -3 points 1 day ago
what's the point of prison if they have the same priviledges as the gen pop?

[-] HouseOfKrazees 3 points 1 day ago
GTL can go fuck themselves.

[-] FluffyBunnyHugs 4 points 1 day ago
These scam artists need to be thrown in prison for a very long time.

[-] Jon_hobbit -3 points 1 day ago
Actually that's \$1 cheaper than the data your paying lol...
If I got a call and it said you want to pay \$14/minute I'd hang up so fast
But in other news, People are paying \$15/gb for mobile data... lol
Both need to be made illegal.

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[-] **Narrian** 2 points 1 day ago
The 13th Amendment abolished slavery for everyone BUT CRIMINALS.
These companies DESERVE TO BE RUN OUT OF THE FUCKING COUNTRY
The CEOs and their families NEED TO BE OSTRACIZED AND EXILED FROM THE COUNTRY
Might sound drastic but that's only because the status quo is to coddle, enable and promote liars, cheats and thieves - as long as they wear a suit.
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[-] **Gremmward** 0 points 1 day ago
Good, they shouldn't have the chance to even make phone calls.
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[-] **zzybot9** 3 points 1 day ago
Prisons; the only growth industry in the U.S. for decades.
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[-] **d121212** 0 points 1 day ago
If it was cheap I wonder how they would accommodate all the prisoners wanting to be on the phone. I would imagine certain people would always get pressured into getting off the phone immediately or wouldn't be making calls at all. Maybe that's the case already. I really need to volunteer in a prison someday so I can have any idea what it's like beyond what people tell me.
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[-] **biped01** -1 points 1 day ago
Two people at the ends of the line, talking. the company tugging at the wire, at the center of the composition.
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[-] **BadgerRush** 3 points 1 day ago
In this case I think that, in addition to the FCC, the FTC should also be fighting the prisons on this. If the USA had decent consumer protection laws (or enforced the good laws that are already there), then this would be a clear case of illegal abuse of market power.
The inmates as customers are denied the option of provider, instead they are forced to use one specific company for all their telephony services (sometimes the prison itself, sometimes a third party). That creates an imbalance of power in the customer-provider relation, and abusing such an imbalance to charge prices that are much higher than the market value should be classed as illegal abuse of market power.
Basically the same laws that make "surge pricing" illegal should be applied to this "constant surge pricing".
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[-] **rgordill** 1 point 1 day ago
What is the basis of the lawsuit, though? You can't sue an Agency in an Article III court and expect to get anything out of the court except, "The Supreme Court in Chevron tells us that we have to give deference to the Agency's rulemaking power." Agencies destroy businesses with the promulgation of new rules, and the courts are just indifferent.
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[-] **vangogh11** 2 points 1 day ago
Can anybody guess which party the 2 dissenters were from? You know, the party that for some reason ALWAYS votes in favor of corporate greed, no matter how ridiculous? It's getting hard to stay open minded, and not just call the Republicans the party of evil.
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[-] **BOBASA** -1 points 1 day ago

[\[-\] reedsparks](#) -1 points 2 days ago
Why don't we find out where these executives live and do something about this? This is where 4chan has the real balls to affect change
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[\[-\] RyeRoen](#) 1 point 2 days ago
Ah yes, let's harass these people and their families; as though somehow 95% of us wouldn't also try and maximise profits if we ran our own businesses.
PEOPLE are not the problem, it's the systems that we have set up. People like to present big corporations as evil, when under a different set of circumstances they would have done the same thing.
Making someone's life hell makes everything worse, and doesn't contribute to making this situation any better.
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[\[-\] reedsparks](#) 1 point 1 day ago
Fine. Let's go to Washington, burn it down and start over
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[\[-\] wowgate](#) 17 points 2 days ago
The FCC's decision "create[s] significant financial instability in the industry and will pose a threat to service at many of the nation's smaller jails," GTL said. "Consequently, GTL is left with no choice but to seek judicial review of the FCC's order."
If that isn't the most slime-ball thing I've read ever read. Maybe a bit over the top, but the obtuseness at play here makes me question their every motive.
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[\[-\] Cogswobble](#) 2 points 2 days ago
lol, it's always so dumb when the main argument in a lawsuit is "this puts our business plan at risk".
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[\[-\] Demonic_Jew](#) 3 points 2 days ago*
So if the bank makes money from the land, and the land holders have a large facility generating contentious revenue for the bank, which in turn feeds the federal government's ability to produce welfare and services. The whole time the government is printing the money to give to the bank, to give to the land holder so he can do what he wants with "his property".
This whole system is malevolent. Money is time they say, but who exactly are they?
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[\[-\] my_third_throwaway_n](#) 7 points 2 days ago
ITT: "it's all capitalism's fault!!! boo free markets!!"
In reality: government doesn't allow prisoners to use any competing phone companies. This is the exact opposite of a free market: it's a government granted and enforced monopoly. There is no competition at all.
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[\[-\] RareMajority](#) 1 point 1 day ago
Having multiple phone companies providing service to a single building is infeasible. It's just like trying to have multiple electric companies providing service to the same block. Some things by the nature of the infrastructure necessary to have them, necessitates monopolies. In these situations, government regulation is necessary to prevent companies from gouging their customers.
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[\[-\] c6xvd21](#) 6 points 2 days ago
Prison is the new slavery

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Even individual guards piss off inmates, you think a hugr company would sweat about it?

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[-] ZeroTonk 41 points 2 days ago
I wish there was a real-life batman, and that he would start taking out people like prison profiteers.

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[-] D0ct0rJ 1 point 1 day ago
Need the Green Arrow. "You have failed this country."

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[-] the_sharpest_knife 1 point 2 days ago
I "wouldn't see a thing".

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[-] OrKraellerX 15 points 2 days ago
That's not the kind of Superhero Batman is. Batman beats up street thugs and then throws them into horribly run, inefficient, privatised prisons and asylums.

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[-] ZeroTonk 2 points 1 day ago
Well, to be fair, his main competitor is Iron Man, also orphaned and possessing no superhuman powers, Iron Man has a hobby of threatening the most powerful terrorist in the world and then just chilling in his undefended beach-front property like nothing is about to happen.

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[-] bittah_prophet 1 point 1 day ago
Well he also invests billions into Gotham, and one of the first things he did after becoming Batman was dismantle the mafia and corruption in the police department. With his fists.

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[-] SatNav 1 point 2 days ago
Be the change you want to see in the world.

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[-] ZeroTonk 3 points 2 days ago*
I don't have time to write ALL the software, for EVERYONE, OK!?

[edit] lolwut

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[-] alanegrudere [E] 12 points 2 days ago
the things that happen now start looking like when robin hood and other outlaws took it to their own hands. it wont be long since this bastards are going to be gunned down in the streets. mock my words.

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[-] jrussell424 0 points 2 days ago
I don't know if this is a typo, or if you have misheard this saying before. If it's just a typo, please disregard, but I'm going to post the correct saying in case others don't know it.
The correct phrase is "mark my words", as in "Take note. What I'm saying will be proven true".
Again, I apologize if you already know the correct saying. Just ignore me, if that's the case.

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[-] tblizz3317 1 point 2 days ago

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