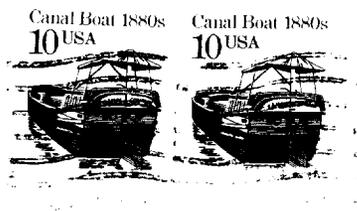


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Dear Commissioners:

Please reject the proposal by the "CALLS" coalition of phone companies to combine and substantially increase the "network access fee" and the "presubscribed carrier line charge." This proposal is a blatant attempt to exploit captive consumers: it could cost me as much as an extra \$30 a year just to have a telephone.

Please take a strong stand today to protect ratepayers from continual attempts by the phone companies to increase fees like these.

Sincerely,

  
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