

July 23, 2003

The Honorable Michael Powell
Chairman, The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Calling card services, WC Docket No. 03-133

Dear Chairman Powell:

It is urgent that you act quickly to prevent the RBOCs and at least one state regulatory body from threatening the wonderful growth in inexpensive calling card calls with unwarranted access fees!

Specifically, the issue concerns enhanced calling card services. The Bell companies want to impose unfair in-state access fees on calls that clearly go outside state boundaries. These calls go into an out-of-state communications platform that provides information to consumers and then allows them to dial anywhere for an extraordinarily competitive fee.

Consumers' Voice is an Indianapolis-based grassroots consumer advocacy association that specializes in telecommunication issues. We look out for issues involving unfair fees placed on captive consumers – and this is just such a case.

Please approve AT&T's petition for declaratory ruling on enhanced calling card services!

Sincerely,

Robert K. Johnson