

It is my understanding that proceeding number 07-51 is in regards to "bulk billing practices", and I would like to submit my opinion for consideration.

Bulk billing appears to be nothing more than a round-about way of extracting a fee from someone who decides against using a service. This strikes me as something that is completely fraudulent! The only other name I could give it would be coercion, by presenting completely unsavory alternatives in order to punish a consumer; I would never personally engage in any transaction with an individual or company that follows such practices.

The reason I decided to write however, was when I heard of an apartment complex attempting to gouge their tenants by tacking on an additional fee to the waste and water bill for those who refused to switch to a cable company the apartment complex had entered into an agreement with. Such under-handed tactics, no matter the benefits being touted, are despicable. What's next, am I going to be charged by the Illinois Tollway for only driving on the highway?

Thank you for your time.