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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
Public Comments
445 12th Street, SW
Washington DC 20554

Re: Public Comment for the Wright Petition (Docket # 96-128)

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I forward you this letter imploring for your assistance and involvement in the matter at hand. This issue affects so many families that it must gain the full attention of your office. I will tell you the story of my family which I assure you mirrors many many others.

The courts have shifted from rehabilitation to punishing its incarcerated through out the years. This has allowed for Illinois inmates to be placed in facilities furthest from their loved ones. Which for many cases makes the phone our only real means of adequate communication because visits are too costly and mail runs a month to months behind schedule.

The administration is well aware of

our reliance upon the phone and sells us out to whichever company offers them the biggest kickbacks. Never is the cost to the parties involved considered. The saddest part of all this is that it's all perfectly legal and business as usual here in Illinois.

This problem is so critical because the phone being our only line of communication means we fall to a monopoly system. Monopolies are forbidden in the United States but not when it involves bilking the poor and disenfranchised. Us inmates are serving our time and paying back our debt to society. But our families are the ones being robbed. They are tax paying productive members of society and innocent in all this. It's unfair to rob them of hard earned money because it's okay to punish the convicts. Especially in today's day and age when people are living hard to mouth.

A phone call that costs someone in the free world a few bucks triples for me and my family. We pay around \$10.00 for a 30 minute phone call. And if we decide we want a cheaper company then we just don't get to call because consolidated has the contract and thereby monopolizes the phone system.

The magnitude of the situation is not only felt in the pocket books. It's also counted in blood. Our youth, sons and daughters are prohibited contact to their incarcerated parent(s). Thereby left to be raised by the streets. Many here have followed this cycle. We require the opportunity to prevent the cycle from repeating itself. And it's up to everyone to do their part.

You have the power to play an important role in the betterment of this country's society. The blood spilled is almost always the innocent's. Help us prevent this! That's what's at stake here.

Look into any study and you will see that family unity is vital not only for those who already committed crime to become productive members of society. But to keep their offspring from following their foot steps.

This is the true reality of what's before your commission. Corruption and Lives! Do the taxpayers right and put a stop to such blatant robbery from those in charge of policing the criminals.

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11 Dear Chairman Genachowski,

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13 This is public comment for the Wright
14 Petition (cc Docket #96-128) and from my
15 own personal experience.

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17 My best/closest outside friend is an 82
18 year old who has gone downhill medically
19 over the past three years. This started with
20 a stroke, three brain surgeries, a MERZON
21 infection and replacement of both knees. John
22 lives in Virginia and is handicapped now with
23 unstable eyesight. He can no longer write to
24 me himself and has palsy making telephone
25 calls (specially) difficult... but he can hear
26 me and appreciates my calls between his V.A.

1. Hospital visits.

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3 My calls used to cost me \$18.85 per
4 call prepaid and would have cost almost \$25⁰⁰
5 collect. - a price John could not afford and
6 I am without a prison job and could not
7 afford a call but every six weeks or so.

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9 Now, Oregon has changed to Telmate
10 which will make calls accessible every two
11 weeks and far more affordable at 16¢ flat
12 rate per minute. I even had a phone call
13 yesterday to take care of a business item that
14 only cost 48¢!!!

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16 The only issue with Telmate currently is
17 the fact that this telecommunications company
18 is now PUNISHING users with fines for
19 prison rule violations lacking due process
20 (please see attached newsletter). I have
21 NO issue with the prison/department holding
22 inmates accountable - it is not in the public's
23 best interest or in fairness to allow a phone
24 company to violate a prisoner's due process.

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26 Hoping this is helpful information.

Respectfully,

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Weekly Forecast

Thursday:	101/69
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Monday:	98/65
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In Memoriam

On August 4, 2012, Mr. Gregory McBride passed away at age 52. He had been a part of the SRCI community since 2008, most recently residing in Unit 21. He will be missed by friends and family.

Remembrances will take place in Religious Services. Please hold his family and loved ones in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this difficult time.

**Advanced Cardio Class
Beginning Soon**

Complex 3 Recreation will be holding an **ADVANCED CARDIO CLASS!!!!**

The class will have a limit of 30 participants. All participants must be incentive level 2 or 3 and have no conflicting call-outs.

If you are interested, send an inmate communication to Mr. Roberts, C3 Recreation using the recreation box in front of C3 dining area.

The first 30 requests for that time and meets the guidelines will be on the roster.

All inmate communication must be received no later than August 10, 2012.

Projected start date August 20th, 2012.

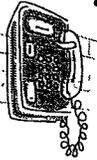
Schedule
 Monday-Friday
 8:45am - 9:45am.



Snake River Currents

Weekly News

August 09, 2012 - August 15, 2012

Telmate Fines for 3-Way Calling

In previous newsletters, we reminded you that it has been, and continues to be, against DOC rules to conduct three-way calls. In addition to DOC's prohibition on this practice, Telmate charges a \$25 fine for *confirmed* three-way calls.

Notice of this fine was posted in the laminated sign that Telmate put up near all phone banks.

Three-way calls are flagged by Telmate's system when there is a request for a call to a third party, or when additional dial tones, keypad tones, ringing, or excessive silence are detected on the call, whether a third party ultimately answers or not. After the call is completed, a live operator verifies on a case-by-case basis if it was an intentional three-way call or an error or accidental dialing.

These rules are not absolute in determining a violation. If the reviewer is not sure, the call should be referred to another party for review. If the call is confirmed as a three-way call, the inmate is notified with a voice-mail that a fine will be imposed. This determination is a judgment call and is taken very seriously. If there is any doubt, the call should not be assessed a fine.

Telmate fines the account on the destination number if it has the funds. If it does not have funds, Telmate will fine the inmate phone account. If the inmate has no funds, Telmate imposes a charge on the inmate phone account that will be paid with future deposits.

Administrative Review

If you receive a Telmate fine that you believe is in error, you must appeal this fine to Telmate. It is not a DOC fine. You may dial 2-1-1 and request that the call be reviewed. A second Telmate employee will review the recording of the call to verify whether the call was a true three-way call. If it is determined that the fine was imposed in error, the fine will be reversed and you will be informed by voicemail message of the correction to your account.

Please keep in mind that fines imposed by Telmate will be in addition to any DOC sanctions imposed for three-way calls.

If you have questions about fines, please contact Telmate by dialing 2-1-1. Friends and family members can contact Telmate at 1-866-516-0115.

**Movie Schedule
Channel 50**

"Joyful Noise"
 (Queen Latifah, Dolly Parton, Keke Palmer, Jeremy Jordan)
 (118 min)

Dolly Parton and Queen Latifah square off in this big-hearted comedy about a flat-broke town choir whose member's dream of winning a national contest. However, the stars' struggle for leadership could scuttle the group's harmony and hopes of success.

JOYFUL NOISE

"The Inn Keepers"
 (Sara Paxton, Pat Healey, Kelley McGillis)
 (101 min)

In this eerie ghost story, a venerable inn closes after a century in business and the two remaining employees are determined to uncover the truth about longtime rumors that the majestic mansion is haunted -- but will they survive their explorations?

"The Devil Inside"
 (Fernanda Andrade, Simon Quarterman, Evan Helmuth) (83 min)
 At once spooky and grisly, this thriller follows a woman's quest to find the truth behind claims that her mother killed three people during an exorcism. The daughter's journey takes her to Italy, where she becomes involved in other exorcisms.

"Goon"
 (Sean William Scott, Jay Baruchel, Alison Pill) (91 min)

When he's seen dispatching a rude opposing hockey player in the stands, Doug Glatt is hired by a rival team ... for his fighting skills. It seems the new team's star is gunshy after being hit by a puck and Glatt's job is to be his on-ice bodyguard.

**Changed ~ Earned Time Process**

OISC currently processes earned time reviews two weeks after the end of the review period.

To make sure that OISC has up-to-date program and misconduct data, OISC will now process earned time reviews **four weeks** after the end date of the review period. You will still have 30 days from the date of the final determination on the earned time form to file for administrative review. Thank you.

Quote for the Week

"Change is inevitable, growth is optional"

Author: Unknown
 Submitted by: Inmate R. Callahan



Music Warden MP3 System

We are pleased to tell you that we are starting an MP3 system for inmates. The system has two main parts: an MP3 player (that you purchase) and a Music Warden Kiosk (that will be located at each facility).

Here's how it works **Purchase an MP3 player:** You can purchase an MP3 player through the canteen (price to be determined). Pre-sale starts Sept. 1, 2012.

Purchase songs: You will purchase vouchers for songs through the canteen (price to be determined). Pre-sale starts Sept. 1, 2012.

Browse the music catalog: You will browse the catalog and select songs directly from your MP3 player.

Connect to Music Warden Kiosk: Once you've selected songs you want to purchase, you will connect your MP3 player to the Music Warden Kiosk. Once connected, the kiosk will recognize you and will automatically begin to download your selected music to your player. The kiosk will deduct the price of songs from your balance.

Disconnect MP3 player from Music Warden Kiosk: The display on the kiosk will tell you to disconnect your player when the transaction is complete. After each connection, your MP3 player will display your list of downloaded songs and your music account balance.

Each facility will begin broadcasting an instructional video for the MP3 system in August. The video provides a lot of information about how to use the MP3 players and Music Warden Kiosks. Please take the time to watch the video.

You will not be able to burn your CDs to your MP3 player. We will give you more details on what will happen with CD players soon. We will have many updates over the next several months.

Prices

Prices for the MP3 players and songs have not been determined yet. We will provide an update as soon as the prices have been set.

Timeline

Installation of the Music Warden Kiosks will begin in late August.

Pre-sale of MP3 players and vouchers for songs will begin Sept. 1 through canteen.

MP3 players will be delivered to inmates who pre-purchased them in October.

⇒ The MP3 system will be fully functional Oct. 1.

Other Features

We are able to offer the MP3 system because of our new contract with Telmate, the inmate phone service provider. Telmate offers several other features that we are working on that we think you will enjoy. Upcoming features include:

Video Visiting:

Friends and family members on your approved visiting list will be able to visit with you using their home computer, laptop or tablet. Video equipment will be set up at designated facility locations for you to receive video visiting. We estimate beginning this system at SRC1 and WCCF in October. Eventually we will have video visiting at all institutions. More information to come.

Electronic Messaging:

For a small fee, friends and family members can send you electronic messages and photos that you will access directly through your MP3 player. We estimate that electronic messaging will be available beginning Nov. 1. More information to come.

Printable Electronic Messaging: For those inmates who don't have MP3 players, we are working on a printable messaging system. Friends and family members will be able to send you electronic messages that mail-room staff will then print and send you through the facility mail system. We estimate that printable electronic messaging will be available beginning in January 2013. More information to come.

Ordering Kiosks: Touch screen kiosks will allow you to place canteen orders, transfer money from your trust account to your phone account, and receive electronic messages from friends and family. We estimate that ordering kiosks will be available beginning in March 2013. More information to come.

Additional Information

Some or all of the services listed in this article may be available only at specific incentive levels. More information will follow in future updates.

Please direct questions about the MP3 system and other features listed in this article to Randy Geer, Chief of Inmate Services. **ALL DATES ARE ESTIMATED AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

Outside Food Incentive Fundraiser Footlong Subway Sandwich Incentive Level 3 Inmates Only

The September 2012 Outside Food Incentive Fundraiser will be Subway which includes 1 of 3 Foot Long Subway Sandwiches. You may only choose one of the following sandwiches Ham, Cold Cut, or Vegetarian. **You may only order one sandwich meal and be sure to verify what sandwich you would like!** The movie "Red Tails" will be shown on the following dates and times listed below:

Meal Plan:

Foot Long "Black Forest Ham": Lettuce, Olives, Pickles, American cheese, Green Peppers, and Tomatoes.

Foot Long "Cold Cut": Turkey, Bologna, and Salami with Lettuce, Olives, Pickles, American cheese, Green Peppers, and Tomatoes. **This Sandwich is made with turkey based products.**

Foot Long "Veggie": Lettuce, Tomatoes, Green Peppers, Black Olives, and Onions.

All Sandwiches will come with the following sides: Mayonnaise, Mustard, Oil, Vinegar, Jalapenos, and Pepper Chines, Doritos Nacho Cheese Chips, Raspberry Cheese Cake Cookie, and two sodas. Again you may only purchase one sandwich meal! **Cost: \$10.75.**

Complex 3 Monday, September 10th 2012 6:00-9:20pm

Complex 2 Tuesday, September 11th 2012 6:00-9:20pm

Complex 1 Wednesday September 12th, 13th, 14th, 2012 6:00-9:20pm

- All participants must be an incentive level 3.
- Do not sign up if you have a conflicting call-out, or work assignment.
- Refunds will not be given to those inmates that are unable to attend due to their own actions.

Make sure your signature is verified on your CD28 by any available Officer and forwarded to T. Bidwell, Activities Box #338 or Preferably the Recreation box located outside of each inmate dining hall.

Please make sure you have the correct amount on your CD28 or it will be sent back.

Please make sure your CD28 is payable to account #2453. If the Account number is not on your CD28 it will be sent back to you! Thanks for your assistance!

Parenting Class

The program's curricula were developed specifically for incarcerated parents. The inmate parent participates on a voluntary basis and is required to attend 108 hours of class time over a twelve-week period. In addition to class time, the inmate parent is required to complete homework assignments.

The curricula covers child development; parenting styles; play and praise; emotion regulation; setting limits; communication with caregivers and children; nurturing and empathic parenting; and health of families.

Upon successful completion of the course, the parent will have a broad range of skills and tools to help him in his parenting duties. The program culminates in a festive graduation ceremony that children and caregivers can attend.

Please talk to your Counselor and write Box 243 if you would like to be added to the wait list for upcoming Parenting Inside Out classes.