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Chairman Julius Genachowski  
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Re: Prison Phone Justice.

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I am writing to you today about the injustice of the prison phone rates that I and my family and friends all must endure to keep in contact in this state facility.

The current provider Evercom's Securus phone systems rates are \$4.95 for the first minute and 96¢ a minute ever after are in fact the cause of my complete loss of contact with my family and friends and a direct detriment to my rehabilitation and any hope of my reintegration back to a functioning member of society.

I am also restricted by Evercom from making collect calls to friends and family without a prepaid account established regardless of their credit history and rating. This directly denies my access to any emergency calling if there is a death or disability in the family or other family emergency and causes unnecessary stress and hardship on us all.

I attempted to place \$200.00 on an account expecting a lower rate and was amazed when I called 5 times and was cut off for lack of funds!

I make 50¢ hr at most in this prison system and cannot afford this rate of hemorrhaging of funds to have any contact with my family as it will leave them with a choice of contact or food on the table seriously!

I served 7 years in a private prison in Florence and Eloy Arizona on this current sentence and had a prison phone rate of 25¢ minute and the phone provider was also Evercom so I dont know why the difference in rates since both states are in the United States Of America and covered under the same laws and Constitutions correct?

I plead that you take under advisement that I and others similarly situated are serving decades of isolation from society and we shall become more bitter and mean with every passing day because we have no contact with friends and family to keep an even keel under us and we will all pay the ultimate cost through crime when we who have been conditioned to hate are eventually returned to society and even while we are in by the increase in violence by the estranged in all of us.

Im 19 years into a 69 year sentence and quickly losing all hope of returning to society as a productive member of it because I cant even stay in contact with any freeworld people to keep relationships alive and well and this is leading to increased stress in my enviroment and my surroundings and assaults upon prisoners and gaurds alike and this will and already does spill over to the streets as you can tell through the level of violence we see on the news each week here.

please feel free to use my name and story in all hearings that will determine a just and equal rate nationwide that will help reduce the costs both real and hidden to this insidious disease upon the poor and disenfranchised already.

In dynamic Peace of I,

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December 24, 2012  
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Greetings; Federal Communication Commission  
Dear Chairman Genouchowski,

This is a public comment for the Wright Petition  
(cc Docket #96-128).

I am a inmate here at CMC-WEST; with a  
complaint on phone access and high cost since  
my stay for the last ten years here at C.M.C.  
The limited ability to call whom you choose  
in the free world for moral and physical  
assistance is very difficult.

The use of the phone, keeps a consistent  
recording within the only fifteen minutes allowed  
Bios connections base of which phone network  
your family utilize is a problem.  
Most of the inmates would prefer is a  
pre-paid phone calling card; which need to be  
purchase on the inside of the institution.

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**This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (CC Docket 96-128)**

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing in reference to the issue of the extremely high costs of prison phone calls for prisoners and their families.

Considering the fact that most prisoners come from working class backgrounds, it seems discriminately unfair and predatory that we are subjected to far higher phone rates than free society. I have been incarcerated since 1981, and recall when we paid the same .15 per call as a normal pay phone. Once the new phone companies like Securus came along, the prices skyrocketed and caused most people to not be able to afford to call family and loved ones as much or not at all.

These exorbitant phone rates have negatively affected my communication with family and loved ones in ways that leave me still feeling guilty that I could not afford to communicate with my beloved mother during her illness before she passed. I still can only call remaining family and friends seldomly due to the excessively high long distance rates, which further strains my relationships and support from those who have not been forced to block collect calls.

In closing, this unfair practice of charging higher phone rates for prison phone calls than the standard rates paid in free society virually further isolates us from free society and places an unfair burden on our families and friends that most cannot afford. Your consideration and cooperation in shedding light on this unfair practice will be highly appreciated.

Respectfully,

  
Carl P. Brown

DECEMBER 23, 2012  
RICHARD MORROW 30620  
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CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHTOWSKI

PUBLIC COMMENT

445 12TH STREET, SW  
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RE: PUBLIC COMMENT / TELEPHONE RATE INCREASES

DEAR MR. GENACHTOWSKI,

I AM AN INMATE WITHIN THE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF  
CORRECTIONS AT THE LOVELOCK CORRECTIONAL CENTER, LOVELOCK,  
NEVADA. THIS INSTITUTION IS SERVICED FOR INMATE  
TELEPHONE ACCESS BY A COMPANY CALLING ITSELF "I.C. SOLUTIONS".

JUST ANNOUNCED ARE RATE INCREASES LISTED BELOW AND TO BE  
EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1ST, 2013. THESE INCREASES ARE CLEARLY  
DESIGNED TO SQUEEZE MORE MONEY OUT OF LOCAL AND  
INTRASTATE CALLS PARTICULARLY AND TO EVERYONE GENERALLY.  
THEY ARE, AT THE VERY LEAST, UNREASONABLE.

I SAY UNREASONABLE BECAUSE EVEN LOCAL CALLS ARE ASSESSED THE SAME AS INTRASTATE CALLS AND OTHER RATES ARE UNUSUALLY HIGH. IN OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES THE LOCAL CALLS WOULD BE FREE OR AT A FWT RATE.

THE ACT OF THE FCC CONDONING THESE COMPANIES TO GOUGE INMATES OR THEIR FAMILIES MERELY BECAUSE THEY ARE INCARCERATED ALLOWS THESE COMPANIES TO SEE THESE MARKETS (PRISONS) AS "CASH COWS" FOR WHICH THERE IS NO OTHER OPTION EXCEPT TO USE THESE COMPANIES.

I SAY NO OTHER OPTION BECAUSE AS INMATES, YOU ARE FORCED TO EITHER ACCEPT THESE RATES OR GO WITHOUT VITAL COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. IT IS THE TRUE DEFINITION OF A CAPTIVE MARKET OR MONOPOLY. YET, THE FCC IS APPARENTLY SUPPORTING THIS RATE INCREASE.

IN THESE DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIMES, WHY IS THIS RATE INCREASE ALLOWED AND SUPPORTED AGAINST THOSE WHO CAN LEAST AFFORD IT? THE FCC IS SUPPOSE TO MONITOR AND REGULATE SUCH RATES, BUT IT IS APPARENTLY JUST RUBBER STAMPING THESE RATE CHANGES WITHOUT REGARD TO THE EFFECT THEY WILL HAVE.

I REQUEST THE RATES REMAIN AS THEY HAVE BEEN RATHER THAN TO SUPPORT THE FURTHER GOING AS I HAVE INDICATED IN THIS LETTER. NO ONE PURSUITS TO DENY A COMPANY A REASONABLE PROFIT, BUT TO GOUGE AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF INMATES AND THEIR FAMILIES IS ABOVE AND BEYOND ANYTHING WHICH SHOULD BE ALLOWED.

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LOCAL	1.00	.13
INTRASTATE	1.00	.13
INTERSTATE	2.50	.49
INTERNATIONAL	3.99	.99

SINCERELY,



RICHARD MORROW

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To Chairman Genachowski,

This is a public comment for the Wright petition (cc Docket 96-128).

I am writing in response to a recent increase in rates for phone calls. The calls more than doubled, going from about \$2.00 to \$4.77. And that is for a local call! I am in a prison located a few minutes from the town of Lovelock, NV, and that is the city I have a number for. My family uses google voice to forward the call from the Lovelock number to their cell phone.

This rate hike is utterly ridiculous, and now I will only get to talk to my family less than half as often. My Mother is on a fixed income and cannot afford it. Ultimately that is who is paying these outrageous rates, is my family, not me.

Any attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Matthew Fields

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NAVARRO A. MATTHEWS # DW0162

SCI-Graterford Prisoner

This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (CC Docket # 12-128)

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SAT, Dec, 22<sup>ND</sup> 2012

The Honorable Chairman Mr. Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communications Commission

Public Comments  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
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Dear Chairman Mr. Genachowski:

Am a 56 year old inmate. Based on the costs of prison phone calls - I've not been able to stay in touch with my three brother's and two sister's - however the present SCI-Graterford Superintendent/Facility Manager/CEO Mr. Mike Wenerowicz is doing everything

● possible for inmates in Need to make Free Calls - to Family members of SCI-Graterford Prisoners  
Very Respectfully - N.A. Matthews

This is a public comment for the Wright Petition  
(CC Docket #96-128)

I would like to say that it is really hard to be in contact with my family, children, grandparents, brothers, and parents when the phone calls are 40 cents a minute, so there is a choice we have to make on money to help with necessities we need or outside contact. I am not well off financially. Like a lot of us it is hard! My grandparents are too old to understand or write or to talk fast enough so I say everything I need to in so little time. Yes I understand that it is ourselves who put us here but we are still humans with feelings, love and rights. With kids, family, and people we love and who loves us. Every prison in New Mexico is almost the same except for CCA because it is private owned. It is not fair that unless you have money you are ~~just~~ just out of luck!

Help us please,  
Hayla  
Montoya  
#71708

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James Beason  
#DX2983

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Chairman Julius Genachowski  
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**THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE WRIGHT PETITION  
CC DOCKET #96-128**

Chairman Genachowski:

I'm writing in response to your fight to lower the high cost of phone calls from prisoners.

I'm incarcerated at SCI-Greene, Greene County, Pennsylvania. For me to call home (in-state) is \$5.41 through a pre-paid calling card sold in the prison commissary and \$6.00 to call collect (both 15 minute calls). This is simply too much money for most of my family, my support network, to afford. I have very limited contact with my family due to the excessive cost of these phone calls.

Recently, Pennsylvania transferred more than 1,000 inmates to Michigan due to overcrowding. Phone calls from MI to PA were only \$1.80 for the same 15 minute call. these are the same phone calls I try to make from Pennsylvania but can't afford, but in Michigan they were 70% cheaper. I don't understand how rates from MI to PA are 30% of the cost we pay in PA for in-state calls.

There are too many people that I can't call because they can't afford the cost. These are the same family members and friends whose support I need to have a successful reentry into society upon my release, but I'm losing my relationships with them due to the lack of interaction and contact.

I hope something can be done because it seems like all the phone company (GTL) and Department of Corrections do is take advantage of our situation.

Sincerely,

James Beason  
#DX2983

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12-22-12

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

This is a public comment for the Wright Petition CC Docket # 96-128. My name is Edward Dunphy. I am a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. Currently, I am serving an eight to sixteen year ~~sentence~~ sentence for third-degree murder in Pennsylvania's Department of Corrections. I am writing today to respectfully ask the chairman to take action on the Wright Petition which has been idle for a decade. I am an inmate with a job. That job pays .30/hour. To call home costs \$5.15 for a fifteen minute phone call. If I chose to only purchase a phone card with the money I make I can barely afford a \$25.00 card at the price of \$26.50. It is even more expensive if I call home collect. Collect calls cost approximately \$6.25 per 15 minute call. At these current rates we (both inmates and families) are being robbed blind. I joined the Marine Corps to defend

the constitution of those United States of America. I pray that you too will choose to help the citizens of this great nation. Stop the price gouging. Stop the monopolization of prison phone calls. Help Americans in this time of need. We face plummeting off the Fiscal Cliff adding even more strain to our families through increased taxes. Mr Chairman, I ask that at your earliest possible convenience, you take action in regards to the Wright Petition. Thank you for your time in regards to this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Edward Robert Dunphy  
Edward Dunphy, USMC FMR

Edward Dunphy  
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This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (CC Docket# 96-128)

To:

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I am a prisoner serving a life sentence in a Pennsylvania prison and I have 25 years in so far. The cost of a phone call is so hard on the inmates, we have very low wage and than the Commonwealth of Pa. has total control of the phone thereby setting the cost of a phone call. It is a shame how a state can award contracts for phone service and than the states get a certain percentage of kickbacks from the phone company. Talk about price gouging, there should be a law against the states getting any kickbacks from awarding contracts to certain companies.

Respectfully

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DEAR Chairman Genachowski:  
This is a Public for the Wright Petition  
CC Docket # 96-128

I have been incarcerated for 25 years and I make calls only to my father because because he is the only one in my family that can afford the calls, But I can only speak with him once a month, and yes they are collect calls, I have four sisters and a daughter that I can't call because it cost too much money, and it has been so many times that these phones cut off, and you have to call back which is more money. As I said, I have been calling my father collect for 25 years. after the storm Sandy these phones went out, once they came back on, and my father's phone had a block on it, I wrote my father asking did he put the block on the phone, he wrote back telling no he did not put a block on his phone, after looking further into the matter, and putting in a Telephone system discrepancy form

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Chairman Geracehowski

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My name is Purnell McCalvin inmate # HZ-4369 and my problem is Pennsylvania switched the phone system and it's been a huge problem for me and other inmates.

Before the phone system was switched over, I could call my parents, other family members, and my lawyer collect. Now they have to set up an account with the new subscriber which I think is a big problem. My parents are in their 70's and they don't know about the internet, to be honest they're old fashioned.

I also have an appeal that's pending and it's important I have access with my lawyer at all times to see what the outcome of my case will be. At this time I can't get a hold of my lawyer unless I write him a letter. I'm asking you if you can solve this so I can get in contact with him and my family members.

Thank you

Sincerely,

P. McCalvin HZ-4369