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State or Province: WA

Postal Code: 98102

Organization Name: null

I was horrified to hear that all land lines might be phased out. There is an important place for them in our world, and I don't want to lose access to my land line, nor should my elderly parents lose access. There are millions who depend on these lines, and you should do everything possible to make sure they are maintained.

Thank you,
Susan Finkel

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I am strongly against the phasing out of residential phone service. It would place a hardship on certain segments of the population and force people into cell phone use, whose effects (microwave radiation) on human health has not be yet proven to be wholly positive.

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The usage of land lines remains the major method of communication for many as well as provides information for emergency services. This is lacking in the cellular phones. Many middle and elder aged people have a land line in their homes that is used routinely. There are very few cellphone towers out in the rural areas of most states and no real incentive to put them up.

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I do not like the idea of eliminating land lines at all. It's tough enough finding someone's phone number now, especially businesses. Not only that, but reception sucks! Phone conversations are always drifting in and out. What will people do who are handicapped or elderly.

Getting rid of land lines is a bad idea.

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Eliminating the old technology is a mistake for a couple of reasons. One is that broadband goes out a lot (I should know, I have it and don't really like it), meaning it will create more demand for wireless as a back up. Two, broadband can also work wirelessly, which will also increase demand. Either way, I believe it's less secure than the old technology. And face it, even when the power goes out, those old landlines actually keep working. You can't say the same about that new-fangled stuff. :)

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we need land line phones

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City: King William

Country: United States

State or Province: VA

Postal Code: 23086

Organization Name: null

Getting rid of landlines for phone service is probably the most moronic idea yet to come from you fools. Not all of us want, or have access to, broadband, and we are just fine with that. It is not the responsibility of the FCC to manipulate a private industry, keep your stupid ideas to yourself, and stay out of our lives

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Please do not let this happen. My parents are elderly, in poor health and rely on a land line for their phone calls. It is their way to call friends, family and for emergency help. Their health problems make it impossible for them to understand how to use a cell phone. I have tried, even the simplest phone is just beyond them. I am sure there are hundreds of thousands of other elderly people in this position. You can NOT do this to people. It is beyond wrong. Please, please rethink this action.

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State or Province: CA

Postal Code: 90504

Organization Name: null

Please put more thought into this process. Landlines are NOT obsolete, and will be needed for the foreseeable future, for several reasons:

- 1) Electrical outages: landlines will still function in an emergency when the electricity is out. Cell phones are not yet reliable enough to replace landlines.
- 2) Computer problems: if you need your computer on and working for the phone to work, if the computer is down then you have no phone. How can you then contact support?
- 3) Fax lines are still used, and cannot be replaced with internet fax in all cases.
- 4) "Cyberterrorism" - in the case that internet services are under attack, the phone lines may still work.

We have a dedicated infrastructure that provides a basic service to almost everyone in this country. It would be a waste to throw it away when it might still be needed.

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Organization Name: null

I rely heavily on my landline telephone and am strongly opposed to any plan to eliminate this service. I do not use a cell phone for any purpose other than emergencies. It is not acceptable to reduce or eliminate the service of telephones in the home that are hardwired.

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Organization Name: null

Do not phase out landline phones. My family and I rely on our landline.

During emergency situations (such as earthquakes) cell phone communication systems can go down, and cells don't always work.

There have been multiple occasions over the last several years when our city had major storms that knocked out power to large numbers of people for days. Following one storm some neighborhoods were out of power for nearly three weeks. During this time we were unable to recharge and use our cell phones. The only phone that continued to work was the old rotary dial phone we have hooked up. My elderly mother stays with us at times, and it's comforting to know that if we ever needed to call for help, we'd still be able to do so.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
The Harkness/Marasco family

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State or Province: WA

Postal Code: 99324

Organization Name: null

To whom it may concern,

I do not want my right to choose a Landline for Telephone service curtailed. Here are my reasons why:

1. I want the security of a landline.
2. It is harder for someone to listen in.
3. if I have a ?hardwired? phone, it will not fail during a power outage.
4. I have used IP phones and they are unusable if your power fails or if your internet service provider fails or is low quality.
5. I like having multiple phone extensions around the house and being able to have more than one person on the phone at once. This is imposable with Cell phones. Unless they come out with cell phones that will ring to the same number.
6. I don't want to have to carry a Cell Phone with me everywhere I go even when at home.
7. I primarily us the phone when at home. I have a Cell Phone but only use it when away from home. which is not that ofter. (once or twice a week at most).
8. I don't like giving out my Cell number because I don't want people calling me when I am not at home. (It is the only time I can get away from things, and I want some peace when I leave home.)

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City: Cheverly

Country: United States

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Organization Name: null

Landlines are affordable, reliable forms of communications relied upon by millions. Their elimination will consolidate power into the three to four national wireless carriers and severely hurt consumers. I plead with our decision-makers not to rid our country of this crucial infrastructure.

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City: Clyde

Country: United States

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Postal Code: 79510

Organization Name: null

I am opposed to the elimination of landlines. There are millions of Americans who have no computer and no cell phone. They will have no way to get help in case of an emergency. They will lose their connection to the outside world.

Please reconsider this uncaring regulation.

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Last Name: Camp

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City: Willits

Country: United States

State or Province: CA

Postal Code: 95490

Organization Name: null

If you really plan to proceed with this idea, you must ensure that you strengthen transmission towers. For instance, my family -- and many friends -- live 12 miles from our nearest town, Willits, CA, and rely on telephone land lines as cell phones simply do not work where we live. There are too many hills and trees in the way for us to receive reception on a cell phone.

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Organization Name: null

I LOVE my landline phone & do not want it to disappear! Please do not do away with this invaluable service! Thank you for giving phone users a choice!

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State or Province: MN

Postal Code: 55974-1290

Organization Name: null

Please do not do away with landlines. The elderly population of the USA is not capable of using cellular phones. Also, many people in rural areas use landlines to bring computer services into their homes. Removing landlines would be a disservice to the citizens of the US. Many sparsely populated areas do not have good wireless service to rely on.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

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Last Name: Macdonald

Mailing Address: POB69

City: Albion

Country: United States

State or Province: CA

Postal Code: 95410

Organization Name: null

"land line" deprioritization is inapopriate at this time until fiber or/and coax are sufficient to serve priority local needs including community emergency in the face of severe conditions such as electromagnetic events and severe weather/geological disturbances.

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Last Name: jacques

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City: palatine

Country: United States

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Organization Name: null

I cannot use wireless phones or VOIP for my main telephone conversations and NEED a LAND LINE! Please DO NOT get rid of the switched telephone network!

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Last Name: Snyder

Mailing Address: 300-2 McCombs, Ste.55

City: Chaparral

Country: United States

State or Province: NM

Postal Code: 88081

Organization Name: null

The switched telephone network MUST be maintained!! Do not do away with the land lines. I do not have a cell phone by CHOICE! I prefer to have my land line for several reasons. The primary reason is cost. I do not want to pay more for a cell phone, nor do I see a need to carry a cell phone and be accessible all the time. Many people, rural, low income, etc. cannot get a cell phone due to cost and/or location and lack of reliable service. To do away with the switched telephone network will be discriminatory against a large segment of the United States population. I urge you to NOT DO THIS!! Thank You, Dona Lu Snyder

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State or Province: AZ

Postal Code: 85354

Organization Name: null

This proposed regulation to eliminate land line telephone service is not acceptable!

I depend on my land line service and do not want to use cell phone or internet technology instead.

There are many people who disagree with this ridiculous regulation, who do not have cell phones or internet nor do they want it, especially among the elderly. I'm sure you have better things to do than take away people's land lines!

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Country: United States

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Organization Name: Eller College of Business; University of Arizona

If this rule is the first step toward dropping the land line phone system, then please reconsider. The land line is a superior technology to the cell phone, in reliability and voice quality. Do not regulate away the superior technology. It is also less vulnerable to certain kinds of attack. VOIP options are available to only part of the population and that will be true for a long time; they are also in some respects technologically inferior to land lines.

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State or Province: WI

Postal Code: 53073

Organization Name: null

Hello,

I am writing to say that I would prefer to keep my landline. While my husband and son have a cell phone, I do not.

I prefer the security of a land line phone, both for privacy and for emergency situations.

I also use the land line for my internet radio show as it provides a much higher quality than my other options. Even the cordless phone connected to the land line does not sound as good as the corded land-line phone.

It seems to me that the market should drive such a change in any event and not the government. (Of course, I also don't think I approve of government subsidies to any industry. That smacks of government manipulation of the (supposedly) free market.)

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Country: United States

State or Province: CA

Postal Code: 95454

Organization Name: null

I live in a rural area where we have numerous power outtages every winter. Just had one a few weeks ago. I have NO phone service when the power is out UNLESS I have a land line. There are NO cell phones that work where I live. I can't believe you're even thinking of doing this. I am 64 yrs. old

Please don't...in an emergency I'd be without any way to get help and there are a lot of people in this area that would face the same fate..some with children.

I say NO to discontinuing land lines..we need em!!

Sincerely, Linda Wearne

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State or Province: CA

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Organization Name: null

My concerns about this proposal are around senior citizens. Many seniors have had difficulty with newer technologies. This could pose a serious threat to the health of many seniors who need a simple, familiar method of communicating especially in the event of a health crisis. Please consider senior citizen needs when evaluating this proposal.

Also, if more dependence on mobile and smart phones are the way of the future, I feel that more regulation or at the least more standardization may be needed. There are too many confusing options with binding contracts.

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Organization Name: null

Have you people lost your minds? Do you not realize that the phone companies servicing rural areas will not supply broadband service, because they can't get the return on investment that they get in cities? There are many, many areas in this country which still have no cell-phone coverage. Without a land line, people in those areas will be without any way to communicate with the rest of the world. I have many friends who live in such areas. Qwest, their phone service provider has made it clear that they will not be providing broadband service to them anytime in the next 10 years. So, if this bill passes, and Qwest can drop their landlines, my friends will be without any communication services. Do you think this is fair?

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The FCC is as out of touch with the real world as the rest of the Federal Government, not realizing that many people in the U.S. have neither a P/C nor a cell phone, either because they cannot afford them, or they don't choose to use them. The landline telephone must be kept up for this reason. This is worse than the Treasury Department wanting Federal Income Tax Forms filed on-line, forcing people who have always filed with a written, or typed form, to pay for CPA's, or other Tax Preparation Companies.

We all know the "elite" of the world are in the high government offices; however, before changes of this magnitude are mandated, please poll poor people, the elderly, minimum wage folks, etc. An elderly wife can usually use the phone to call for 911 in the middle of the night, and certainly does not have time to sign on the P/C and try to get help when she's already tried unsuccessfully to save her husband from a massive heart.

I know, I've been there (and still lost my husband even with the heroic efforts of the paramedics summoned by a 911 operator!

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City: Baker City

Country: United States

State or Province: OR

Postal Code: 97814

Organization Name: null

I will not use any wireless device in my home. I think that the stuff they call wife high does not really make your wife high, it just makes her dizzy.

With kindest regards,

Barry Carter

bcarter@igc.org

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KEEP LAND LINES on telephones. Wireless phones are not dependable - especially in various types of storms and bad weather. My land line phone works when the power is off and my cell phone has no connection.

I believe it would be a very bad idea to abolish land lines. PLEASE KEEP LAND LINES AVAILABLE.

Thanks

Betsy Hannah

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Last Name: Johnson

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City: Snowflake

Country: United States

State or Province: AZ

Postal Code: 85937

Organization Name: null

It is very important that rural areas, children, and those with health problems have access to landline phone service at a reasonable rate, and I strongly oppose any steps toward not supporting and maintaining switched telephone networks. Rick L. Johnson

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It is very important that rural areas, children, and those with health problems have access to landline phone service at a reasonable rate, and I strongly oppose any steps toward not supporting and maintaining switched telephone networks. Rick L. Johnson

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The switched telephone network must be maintained. Leave the long distance rates alone. If the competing carriers want to charge \$10 per minute, that should be up to them. If OUR choice of service finally dictates the fall of the land lines, then so be it. It should not be decided what's best by some agency.

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I support keeping land-lines

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My mother, Arvilla Boling of rural Soldier, Kansas, is 97 years of age and still lives alone in her rural farm house. She wears an emergency necklace around the clock to summon help if she has occasion to need it, which she has had several such occasions in the past two years. This emergency equipment is attached to her land line telephone that enables her to push a button on the pendant around her neck to summon emergency help.

It would be a terrible injustice to her if she did not have the comfort of knowing this emergency help was available to her in the event it is needed. She does not have a cell phone and most likely would not be able to learn to use one at her advanced age, plus it would be much more difficult for her to keep with her constantly than the small pendant around her neck. In addition, she is very hard of hearing and would not be able to hear over the cell phone. She has a land line telephone with voice enhancement technology which enables her to hear it better than a regular telephone.

Therefore, I am asking on her behalf and millions of others, I am sure, not to discontinue land line service to these elderly individuals residing in rural area's.

Thank you,

Delbert Boling
Hoyt, Kansas

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I am very much against getting rid of home phones.

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Please do not remove landlines. Other forms of communication are very poor. I lose my broadband all the time. Please continue having landlines as they are a guaranteed true quality communication form. I can keep a landline even when my power is off during hurricanes. I do not have cellphone usage during hurricanes. I am in a hurricane area. We NEED landlines here. PLEASE! We would be screwed if you remove landlines. Thank you. Cellphones and wireless hurt my head as well after a very short time of using.

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Many locations do not have adequate cell phone coverage, including mine. Many people I know do not use cell phones or computers. Some people still use fax lines, including some businesses. Doing away with service, maintenance, or installation of land lines in the near future would cause a hardship for many people and disaster for those who can't afford to upgrade or who live in areas without adequate broadband or cell service and have no other choice but land lines.

Thank you for your consideration,

Susan Segal

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Landline infrastructure should be maintained. It is the only reliable source of communication ESPECIALLY in an emergency. If there was an electrical storm that took out the electricity, and your cell phone was not charged, you would have no way to contact 911 when an accident like falling down the stairs in the dark happened. I don't know how many times I have been thankful that I maintain a landline and a phone that does not require being plugged in.

I run/own a medical transcription business and I can honestly say that I wish more doctors would use a landline dial-in system. The other systems with handhelds and digital uploads are for their convenience but decreases the amount of time it takes to get patient information into the facility HIS and therefore, decreases patient care.

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Please do not dismantle the telephone landlines.

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I don't think landlines should be removed. They are an important part of our infrastructure. When power is down due to tornados, severe weather or terrorist attacks cell phones go down. Landlines are always active.

I had a power outage due to a severe thunder storm for 4 days, my internet and all power was down but my reliable landline allowed me to contact family to let them know I was okay.

A few years later, I switched to digital phone carrier through Comcast, we lost power, I had to walk to a pay phone to contact family. I don't want a cell it's to invasive, if people want to reach me they can call me at home or at work.

A Qwest line fed phone lines throughout my entire house, but after switching to Comcast my phone only works on the service box and does not feed the other jacks in my house. If there were an emergency, I would have to get to the kitchen to use the phone can't have a phone in my livingroom or bedrooms. It is very limited.

Cell phone roam, loose connections and the batteries die. People call you when you are driving which is a horrible thing if you cause an accident. People and telemarketers call you at work which is against company policy in most cases.

I think cell phones should be for emergency travel only or outlawed.

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I oppose the idea of dismantling the telephone land lines. I much prefer to use my land line telephone for business or personal conversations. The voice quality is vastly superior.

When I talk with people who are using a cell phone, from my landline, I often have to ask them to repeat what they said. Also, when people with cell phones call and leave a message on my answering machine, I cannot understand parts or most of it. (I do not have this problem at all with calls that come in via land line.) The voice quality is that different. (Let me add that I have no hearing impairment.)

Other considerations are: what if the power goes out? I have lived in places where power goes out regularly during particular seasons, and may be off for an extended period. Once the battery has been used up, what then?

Finally, I wish to summon common sense: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." The land line telephone system is not broken. It serves an important purpose for our country. Cell phones, of course, also serve a purpose. Why can they not coexist? Why dismantle a vital communication resource that works and causes no problems?

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,
Penny Gedeon

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I use a credit card program to take folks' money for items. there is NO way cell phones can be made secure to do credit card transactions. We need to KEEP conventional land lines for telephone security.

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I am againt eliminating land line telephone service.

I also want the rural telephone subsidy and low income programs left alone.

Before land lines are phased out:

I would want to see the emergency 911 detection technical hurdles completely sorted out for cell and VOIP service. And the low income be provided with a VOIP or Cell capability at no increased cost than POTS service.

I do not consider cell phone service to be a replacement to land line. Unless the concentration ratios are on par with land line. The cost of basic cell service is lower.

Currently, only DSL over copper is available in my neighborhood by AT&T or Comcast.

The cheapest/reliable service I can currently obtain is toll restriction 400 metered minutes local service a month and then I use Comcast hi-speed internet \$49/month only with SKYPE at \$3 per month on my laptop computer for all calls out of my little 9 mile wide local restricted POTS service.

I want telephone service and internet to ideally be less than forty dollars a month.

I do not have a cell phone.

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Do not pass legislation promoting changes to wireless telephone service only.
Landlines are reliable and important, and work much better than mobile devices.
People should have a choice.

Why the Switched Telephone Network's Existence Is Essential

Public Comments Submitted by L. Lloyd Morgan,
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A Critical Public Infrastructure

The Switched Telephone Network (i.e. telephone lines and switching centers) is a critical national resource, which if dismantled would have dire consequences. This fully capitalized infrastructure, paid for by every citizen who has paid a telephone bill is not, in the broad sense, private property, but public property. This is implicitly recognized by the requirement that the Federal Communication Commission must approve its dismantlement.

This proposal by AT&T is a transparent effort to sell more cellphones. This proposed destruction of a valuable infrastructure is not new. In the 1950s, automobile companies, particularly General Motor Corporation, dismantled all across the country, a public transportation system that used streetcar lines in order to sell automobiles and buses (for those too poor to purchase a car).

Many a city has rued the day this occurred as they built "light rail" systems to replace what had been dismantled. These light rail system were built in part because the now decrepit bus-based mass transit system had become slow due to traffic problems created by all the automobiles, which now clog the roads throughout the urban areas of our country.

A Critical Resource in an Extended Emergency

While still serving millions of citizens, it is under-utilized. However, in an emergency, the Switched Telephone Network is independently powered, so communication does not fail when the emergency includes the loss of power from the electrical grid. In contrast, the cellphone network will not operate during an extended-duration power outage. While cell towers may, or may not have battery backup, or even diesel generators, the batteries in cellphones would soon be depleted. How would anyone be able to contact emergency services?

Improved Utilization

The Department of Energy (DOE) program to improve the electrical grid system throughout the United States is called the "Smart Grid". One of the DOE listed goals of the Smart Grid system is "Operating resiliency against physical and cyber attack" (<http://www.oe.energy.gov/smartgrid.htm>).

One element of the Smart Grid, are wireless "smart meters".¹ The wireless smart meter system is vulnerable to being hacked. It is ironic that wireless was selected as the means to communicate time-of-day electricity use given the DOE's concern about cyber attack. Should, or perhaps when a cyber attack happen there is the potential of electrical power

¹ The purpose of smart meters is to monitor time of day electrical usage. Nothing about this purpose requires them to communicate over the airwaves.

being simultaneously disconnected across the entire United States (a mega-blackout). What could this mean?

On November 9, 1965, the “Great Northeast Blackout” resulted in a total failure of electricity in New Jersey, New York Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont and Ontario, Canada, affecting some 30 million people (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northeast_Blackout_of_1965).

The initiating cause was a minor failure, but each element of the electrical grid system went down in a cascade over a very short period of time. It was a system, not an equipment failure. Yet it took as long as a week to get the power back on because each grid element that had stopped generating electricity required electricity from an adjacent grid element to restart generation of electricity.

A country-wide blackout resulting from hacking into wireless smart meters would certainly require a longer time to get electricity generation functioning again, perhaps very much longer if a computer virus were to infect every wireless smart meter.

The nuclear reactor failure in Japan reminds us of the consequences of nuclear reactors without an independent source of electricity to cool the radioactive rods when the nuclear reactor shuts down. Again, battery backup would last for a while, Diesel generators would operate as long as there was fuel, but remember, all communications is also down.

Wireless smart meters do not have to be wireless. They can use the Switched Telephone Network to communicate time-of-day electrical power usage. There are twisted-pair telephone wires at every location where electricity is used. Some may no longer be in use but they run back to the telephone switching facilities where they can easily be reconnected.

One can imagine many other uses for the Switched Telephone Network. Using it for smart meters is but one use. In our entrepreneurial society, it is hard to imagine that other uses of the enormous and fully capitalized investment, would not find many, many other uses.

Wired Broadband Access First

Before dismantling the Switch Telephone Network, an independently powered (necessary to maintain communication capability during an extended-time electrical power failure) alternative must first be installed. South Korea’s telephone company has installed a very high bandwidth fiber optic system in all South Korean homes.

While President Obama has called for wireless broadband access in American homes, this does not face the reality of the necessary spectrum to implement such a system, nor does it deal with serious health problem now being reported in science papers. With the advent of third and fourth generation cellphone systems, combined with its popularity resulting in far more frequent use of cellphones to access Internet information instead of

their previous use to hold conversations, the existing spectrum is overloaded with little ability to add additional spectrum.

The Federal Communications must consider what is optimal for our nation, rather than what is optimal for AT&T. The United States, once the world's leader in technology, is fast falling behind as witnessed by South Korean's universal access to very high bandwidth communications technology.

Before authorizing dismantlement of the Switched Telephone Network, the Federal Communications system must mandate installation of an independently power high bandwidth communication system that does not consume scarce spectrum.

Conclusions

1. The Switched Telephone Network is a critical public infrastructure.
2. It has been fully capitalized by telephone users.
3. The Switched Telephone Network is a critical resource in an extended emergency.
4. The Switched Telephone Network's utilization can, and should be improved.
5. A prerequisite for dismantling the Switched Telephone Network is universal installation of a high bandwidth capability into all American homes.

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While I understand the demand for landlines has decreased due to the proliferation of cellular and internet technology, there are many citizens who either do not have the need or choose not to use those methods of communication. We have had for 22 years and will continue to maintain our landline. When the power goes out, as it does frequently due to thunderstorms in our area of Florida, our landline still works.

Methods of communication should not be dictated by government. Citizens have the right to choose. Do not eliminate a viable, tried and trusted method of communication.

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I reside in a rural area where there is no cell phone reception. I rely on satellite for Internet access. I have been told by the local phone companies that I will "never" have access to broadband; therefore I am completely dependent on my land line for voice communication as my satellite hookup is not fast enough for VOIP.

Please do not take away my ability to communicate to the outside world while I am at home. This is not only a communication issue, but a safety one.

Thank you,
Naomi Engelman

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The removal of land lines will cause great hardship esp on seniors who cannot deal with the current technology -

do not take away our landlines

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Save the landlines! the sound quality is great. they work in power outages and emergencies. they don't seem to affect much of anyone adversely. We can have both.

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I do want to keep land lines for telecommunication. My house has already lost a great deal of its resale value due to the presence of a cell tower next to it. Please do not replace land lines with cellular lines. we will all regret it, especially when our real estate is hampered by the aesthetic of ugly cell towers. Thank you.

Lynne Blumenthal

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I read an article in the newspaper this morning about the demise of the telephone landline. I for one, prefer it over the cell phone. Just works better all around and also when the power goes out it still works. I think it is unfortunate that the US and other countries rely so heavily on the latest and greatest technology even though some of the old stuff works as well or sometimes better. Please do not phase out the telephone landline. Thank you for the opportunity to plead my case.

Anne

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I believe the switched telephone land line service should be maintained, and not be replaced with total broadband access.

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I depend on my landline for telephone service. I do not have nor can I use a cellular telephone.

Why am I being cut off and disenfranchised? I vote, I pay taxes, yet the FCC and cellular industry chooses to make me a non-person in the USA.

What is happening here?

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I depend on a landline for my communication needs. I am disabled as are many others needing landlines.

Please do not eliminate this modality of communication.