

situation and regulating such contract agreements themselves.

In closing, I hope that my commentary can somehow assist in your task of righteously resolving this matter. I would like to personally thank you for your time and consideration of this matter which affects not only inmates, but our families who are tax paying citizens. We only seek fairness and comity regarding this matter sub judice and I believe that your agency can offer that result which will protect everyone as a collective...

Sincerely Yours,

William Morales

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Marlene H. Dortch "Secretary"
Federal Communication Commission
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Dear Secretary Dortch,

This is public comment for WC - Docket number 12-375

Asking For:

No Connection fees

3¢ a minute

No commission for the jail, or the AT&T \$1.00 for 15 minutes

We would also accept the same rates that was given to the PA
prisoners while housed in the Michigan prison.

Respectfully,
Jeffrey Sessions
~~xxxxxx~~
Jeffrey Sessions

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To Who it My Concerns, OR TO SECRETARY DORTCH.

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DEAR SECRETARY DORTCH,

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MY NAME IS BRIAN CUNNINGHAM, INMATE # ~~JP~~ ~~5894~~ FCC Mail Room

HOUSED AT S.C.1 HUNTINGDON, 1100 PINE STREET,

HUNTINGDON, P.A. 16654 " THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT

FOR WC-Docket # 12-375". AND IM REQUESTING

AND ASKING FOR:

- 1) CHEAPER PHONE RATES.
- 2) A 10 minute free call for all inmates daily
- 3) NO CONNECTION FEES
- 4) NO COMMISSIONS
- 5) SPRINT & AT&T HAS A 15 minute phone call for \$1.00
- 6) & ANY ELSE YOU MAY DEEM FAIR.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME & CONCERNS.

RESPECTFULLY I REMAIN



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TO:MARLENE H.DORTCH, SECRETARY
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DATE:3-1-13

RE:A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR WC-DOCKET#12-3571

DEAR SECRETARY DORTCH,

I'M WRITING THIS LETTER ALONG WITH THOUSANDS OF OTHERS IMPRISON ACROSS THE COUNTRY, TO ASK YOU TO CONSIDER MANDATING PRISON INTER STATE PHONE CALLS TO [3¢]PER MINUTE WITHOUT A CONNECTION FEE.

MA'AM, FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE COST OF TRYING TO STAY IN CONTACT WITH MY LOVED ONES IS HARD AND THE FEES ARE CRUEL AND UNREASONABLE. THE SYSTEM WE HAVE HERE DOES NOT HELP RELIEVE THE STRESS ON US AS INMATES IN OVER CROWDED SYSTEM OR THE STRESS THAT WE IMPOSE ON OUR FAMILIES. WE HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION AT THE END OF EVERY MONTH [for payroll] WHETHER SHOULD I BY SOME COSMETICS [soap, deoderant or toothpaste] OR CALL MY MOTHER WHOM IS WORRIED TO DEATH ABOUT ME BECAUSE THE 13.49\$ THEY GAVE ME FOR IDLE PAY SINCE THE WAIT FOR A JOB IS MINIMUM 12 MONTHS... WE ARE ALLOWED TO ORDER PRE-PAID CALLING CARDS FROM COMMISSARY THEY START AT 10.00?

I AM FROM NEW YORK, MY DAUGHTER IS IN READING, PA. THAT CALL ALONE IS 6.00\$ MY MOTHER IS IN NEW YORK THAT CALL COST (9.45\$) FOR 15, min. A JOB STARTS YOU A .19¢ THEN IT IS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE OFFICER TO GIVE YOU A RAISE AFTER (3 to 4) MONTHS A RAISE OF (.1¢) IT IS CRUEL AND UNREASONABLE.

THE BURDEN THAT THESE CONNECTION FEES HAVE ON OUR FAMILY WITH THEM TRYING TO PUT EXTRA MONEY AWAY TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY HAVE ENOUGH TO PAY THEIR BILLS AT THE END OF THE MONTH IS JUST AS STRESSFUL ON THEM.

WE REALLY NEED A NEW PHONE COMPANY THAT WANTS TO HELP AND BENEFIT FROM REUNITING FAMILIES AND NOT THE FINANCE ALONE WE NEED A SERVICE THAT WILL OFFER US CHEAPER RATES OR A FLAT RATE THRU OUT THE UNITED STATES. I HAVE COME TO THE POINT WHERE I HAVE MY FAMILY BUY CELL PHONES WITH NUMBERS AND AREA NUMBERS FROM WHAT EVER PRISON I'M AT JUST SO I CAN GET THE PRICE OF A LOCAL CALL AS OPPOSE TO A LONG DISTANCE BECAUSE WE HAVE TRIED TO USE CALL FORWARDING FROM A COMPANY AND THE D.O.C HAVE BLOCKED THEM BECAUSE THEY WANT US TO SPEND OUR MONEY ON THEM WITH OUT ANY KIND SOLUTION OR REMEDY. I AM INCARCERATED IN THE SAME STATE THAT MY DAUGHTER LIVES IN AND I PAY MORE FOR A CALL HERE THAN I DID WHEN I WAS SHIPPED OUT OF STATE DO TO THE OVER CROWDEDNESS.

THE COMBINATION OF RESTRICTIONS THAT WE HAVE ON US FROM USING ANY OTHER PHONE SERVICE, THE PAY THAT WE RECEIVE FROM OUR JOB VERSUS THE THE RATES AND FEES THAT WE MUST PAY TO CALL OUR LOVED

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MA'AM,I AM WRITING IN HOPES THAT THIS PHONE SYSTEM WILL BE CHAN
THESE RATES AND CONNECTIONS FEES MUST BE LOOKED INTO,A FLAT RATE
WITHOUT ANY CONNECTION FEE WOULD BE THE BEST.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN THIS MATTER IN ADVANCE,NOT TO MANY
CHALLENGE PENNSYLVANIA,D.O.C AND WE WISH YOU THE BEST.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Jose Rodriguez # CM-6848
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Dear Marlene H. Dantz, "Secretary"

I'm writing concerning my being added to WC-Docket Number 12-375
No Connection Fees 3¢ a minute
1 free call a day for indigent prisoners
on the AIST 1 dollar for 15 minutes program
no commission for the jail -
We also would be interested in the same rates given to the PA. prisoners while they were being housed in Michigan.

A few times I've been disconnected for no reasons and was charged again to call back.

Thank you

James Cobbs AP-0836
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Marlene H. Dortch
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Re: Public comment for WC Docket #12-375

Dear Madam Secretary:

Please accept my public comment regarding prison phone rates.

My Name is McConnell: Adams, Jr., and I have been incarcerated for 17½ years in the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC). During my incarceration, I have seen intrastate phone rates run as high as \$8.00 to as low as \$1.50 per 15 minute call. Currently, that charge hovers around \$3.20-\$3.45 for that same intrastate phone call. Interstate costs balloon to over \$4.50/15 min. call. I have not phoned internationally.

I cannot afford the current phone rates. On average, when I am employed in the MDOC, I make approximately \$35.00. I usually place \$15.00 into my phone account for the month which garners about five 15 min. calls. There is a \$10.00 minimum phone credit purchase and \$5.00 increments thereafter. The rest of my paltry earnings are utilized to pay premium prices for generic cosmetic/hygiene items that are ever increasing in price.

The phone rates affect my interstate familial relationships. I have many family members that are out of state. Due to the costs of the call, I have to choose just one of the many to call for that month; saving the remainder for intrastate calls. Most of my siblings live out-of-state. My brother, who lives in Alaska, is my most expensive call. Though he and I have a strong relationship, I can only call him on special occasions which puts a strain on our communication.

Unfortunately, using the phone is the most effective way to maintain familial contact; which the MDOC claims to

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encourage its prisoners to do. There is an e-mail service, but that is not the same as hearing the voice of a loved one. Plus, many family members do not have or know how to operate a computer. Others, just do not wish to establish an account with the e-mail company.

I have one son who I call regularly, but there are big gaps in between our conversations due to my lack of money. I was hundreds of miles away from home, which only increased the phone rates and taxes I had to pay if I decided to call. I missed a majority of his life because I was too poor to pay the over \$8.00 rate.

At over \$3.00 a 15 minute call, \$15.00 runs out rather quickly. My calls to my son leave little room for me to call my mother or brothers or sisters. My father fortunately accepts my collect calls, but he too has to pay above average prices with the MDOC's current carrier, PCS. Other family members have tried to arrange it with their provider so that they can accept my collect calls, but find it's either a hassle to do such or are forced to set up a pre-paid account. They opt instead to wait until I call which is not often.

Most of my family members are not well-to-do. They are struggling working class, tax paying Americans who are battling to survive in this volatile economic climate. After 17 years, I am blessed to have maintained the relationships that I still possess. It could have been much easier had phone prices been consistently lower.

Yes, I am incarcerated and must pay a debt to society. Yet, my family should not be made to suffer for my mistakes. Companies, telephone and otherwise, should not be awarded prison vendor contracts when they plan to charge exorbitant rates/prices for an inferior product to the poorest socioeconomic demographic. Even more, the prison administrators should be monitored and held accountable in their fiduciary capacities for entering its wards into such usurious and unconscionable contracts. That is where the real injustice is at.

I thank you for your ear and advocacy. Please take care.

Appreciatively,

M^A Connell : Adams Jr[®]

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DEAR SECRETARY DOERTCH,

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THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR WC DOCKET NUMBER 12-375,
ON THE IMPACT OF THE EXTREME OVERCHARGING OF PRISON PHONE USES
ie SERVICES AS TO HOW I'VE BEEN AFFECTED.

- ① EXCESSIVE COSTS OF \$2.⁰⁰ FOR A FIFTEEN MINUTE IN-STATE PHONE CALL HAVE HAD AN INHIBITING EFFECT ON THE ABILITY OF ME TO INTERACT MORE WITH MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY AND MY FRIENDS.
- ② A SURCHARGE OF VALUE EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 50% OF THE MARKET COSTS OF A COMPARABLE PHONE CALL IS A FORM OF TAXATION WITHOUT ESTABLISHED LEGAL RIGHT OF THE TAXING AGENCY.
- ③ THE SURCHARGE, (ie A TAX), IMPOSED BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN & IT'S AGENCY, (THE MDOC), IS TAXED. IN EFFECT A TAXED VALUE IS BEING TAXED AGAIN!
- ④ THE MONIES GENERATED BY THIS 'TAXING' OF THE PRISONER PHONE SYSTEM IS USED IN AN MDOC 'SLUSH FUND' FOR ARBITRARILY PURCHASING 'SECURITY EQUIPMENT' OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CHOOSING. THIS BEING DONE WITH NO OVERSIGHT OR CONTROLS.

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