

NASSIR WHITE HR2622
SCI DALLAS
1000 Follies road
DALLAS, PA 18612

Received & Inspected

FEB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

February 1, 2013

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

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

I'm currently incarcerated in the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections @ DALLAS and it's cost me \$5.15 to call my family about \$2.30 when the call is accepted & 15 cent per minute, which is still in the state of Pennsylvania. This outrageous cost makes it extremely hard for me to keep in contact with my children and family members. In this state the DOC on pays 19 cent an hour for wages for working and my family can't afford the collect call price with their budget they have now with the economy doing so bad for the poor and middle class people. The PA DOC sent prisoners to Michigan for about a year and the phone calls were cheaper to call from Michigan to Pennsylvania (\$1.60) then it is to call in state here. I would like for you to take this letter in consideration because this phone company Global Tel*Link is monopolizing and charging astringent prices to prisoners and their families for phone service. And now in the PA DOC you have to have an account with Global Tel*Link to make collect calls and for your family to accept them from you and your family has to set the account up with them. This is a serious matter for me because I have children I need to stay in contact with to be in their lives. Thank you for your time and patience in this matter.

SINCERELY,



NASSIR WHITE HR2622
SCI DALLAS, 1000 Follies Rd
DALLAS, PA 18612

2-5-13

Received & Inspected

FEB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

Mr. Chairman,

In light of the recent attention to the exorbitant cost, of prisoners phone calls. I'm writing you this brief correspondence to inform you of my plight.

March 17, 2010 due to prison overcrowding, I was sent to Michigan for four-teen months. During my stay there in Michigan. It cost me only \$1.80 to call from Michigan to Pittsburgh, PA. Here in Somerset, PA, it cost me \$4.90 to call from here to Pittsburgh, PA, which is less than an hour's drive from here. If the D.O.C truly cares about keeping prisoners connected to their families, why would they attempt to bleed our families dry? In Michigan there is a rule against aking a profit off of prisoners phone calls. Because, at the end of the day our families are being punished. The prison system has a monopoly over the phone system. Prisoners do not have the option to use another phone system. The D.O.C makes millions in kickbacks, while prisoners families struggle to make ends meat. That is not the spirit of America! The price of the phone calls continues to rise while our wages and families wages stay the same. I feel that my family is being punished for a mistake that I may have made.

Me and thousands of prisoners and prisoners families would sincerely be grateful if your commission looked into this matter. Thankyou in advance for your help in this matter.

sincerely,

Phillip Fox

Phillip Foxx CL8492
1600 Walters Mill Rd
Somerset, PA 15510

Received & Inspected

EB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

I'm writing you about the phone call
 why I been increased the phone call
 they change me to much first two center
 Now the phone Bill to high and my
 family and friend put Bipack on their
 phone. I writing you for help I been
 to lock up for a long time for body need
 to stop them for change us for wish
 phone Bill. I hope you can help me.
 Thank you for your time

Michael Thomas # B-65390
 P.O. Box 112
 Solist Ill 60434

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

Feb. 4. 2013

Chairman Julius Genachowski

Federal Communications Commission

Public Comments

445 12th St., SW

Washington, DC 20554

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

Received & Inspected

FEB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I am incarcerated in the Ks. DOC. I have a life sentence and communicating with my family is vital. Effective March 1. 2013 all calling rates will be changed to a "flat rate" which places a tremendous strain on my family. So instead of my family being charged the local rate. They will be paying \$-18 per minute which is unreasonable. And very expensive. The company is racketeering.

CenturyLink/ICSolutions

1-888-506-8407

Respectfully Submitted,

Cherone Johnson

Cherone Johnson # 71939

EDCF P.O. Box 311

El Dorado, KS 67042

Nathaniel Bell #18991

Received & Inspected

FEB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
Public comments
445 12th St. NW
Washington, DC. 20554

RE: Petition Wright; cc docket #96-128

I am writing you in the concerns that Kansas Dept. of Corrections and Century Link/Icsolutions (1-800-506-8407) is extorting (improper pressure) the prisoners and their family on the new phone rates that will begin in March 1, 2013. The reason I say extorting is that in order to stay in contact with your children and love ones we will have to pay a new phone rate 1000% higher than we was in order to keep family ties.

As of now the phone cost is a local hook-up fee of \$1.96, this is for a two hour phone call and with their new rates that will cost us \$0.17 a minute that adds up to \$10.20 for one hour or \$20.40 for a two hour call that is costing us \$1.96 now, this is 1000% increase than it was.

This is highway robbery toward the people in prison paying for the call when and if they obtain the funds to call love ones as well as the taxpayers that put you in office in the event something like this would hinder them as taxpayers.

Something needs to be done about the Corporations, Federal and state agencies and officials trying to extort all the lower class citizens that are trying to make it day to day and even worst, all these Officials we put in office that are getting kick backs from Corporations.

We pay your salaries to do a job not to be extorted by these Corporations and Officials. Please advise me of your position on this.

Sincerely,

Nathaniel Bell
#18991

Send Emails to:

president@whitehouse.gov
vice.president@whitehouse.gov
governor@ks.gov
lt.governor@state.ks.us
kssos@kssos.org
general@ksag.org
publicaffairs@kcc.state.ks.us
kdocpub@doc.ks.gov
info@prisonlegalnews.org
tomari.quinn@cjonline.com
timothy.carpenter@cjonline.com
b.j.clelland@ks.gov.

public@treasurer.state.ks.us
pat.saville@senate.ks.gov
cnnnewsroom@cnn.com
incellconnect@yahoo.com
jmont@hutchnews.com
info@ap.org
schisenhall@wichitaeagle.com
www.kslegislature.org
www.kansascommerce.com
www.phonejustice.org
www.prisonphonejustice.org
www.justice.gov/ag

CARY HAMMITT 41417
EDCF
D.O. Box 311
FL DORADO KS.
67042

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
Public comments
445 12th St. NW
Washington, DC. 20554

Received & Inspected

FEB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

RE: Petition Wright; cc docket #96-128

I am writing you in the concerns that Kansas Dept. of Corrections and Century Link/Icsolutions (1-800-506-8407) is extorting (improper pressure) the prisoners and their family on the new phone rates that will begin in March 1, 2013. The reason I say extorting is that in order to stay in contact with your children and love ones we will have to pay a new phone rate 1000% higher than we was in order to keep family ties.

As of now the phone cost is a local hook-up fee of \$1.96, this is for a two hour phone call and with their new rates that will cost us \$0.17 a minute that adds up to \$10.20 for one hour or \$20.40 for a two hour call that is costing us \$1.96 now, this is 1000% increase than it was.

This is highway robbery toward the people in prison paying for the call when and if they obtain the funds to call love ones as well as the taxpayers that put you in office in the event something like this would hinder them as taxpayers.

Something needs to be done about the Corporations, Federal and state agencies and officials trying to extort all the lower class citizens that are trying to make it day to day and even worst, all these Officials we put in office that are getting kick backs from Corporations.

We pay your salaries to do a job not to be extorted by these Corporations and Officials. Please advise me of your position on this.

Sincerely,



Send Emails to:

president@whitehouse.gov
vice.president@whitehouse.gov
governor@ks.gov
lt.governor@state.ks.us
kssos@kssos.org
general@ksag.org
publicaffairs@kcc.state.ks.us
kdocpub@doc.ks.gov
info@prisonlegalnews.org
tomari.quinn@cjonline.com
timothy.carpenter@cjonline.com
b.j.clelland@ks.gov

public@treasurer.state.ks.us
pat.saville@senate.ks.gov
cnnnewsroom@cnn.com
incellconnect@yahoo.com
jmont@hutchnews.com
info@ap.org
schisenhall@wichitaeagle.com
www.kslegislature.org
www.kansascommerce.com
www.phonejustice.org
www.prisonphonejustice.org
www.justice.gov/ag

February 2, 2013

Don Rowell #56419
P.O. Box 311
El Dorado, Ks. 67042
ccooter7@yahoo.com

Received & Inspected

FEB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
Public comments
445 12th St. NW
Washington, DC. 20554

RE: Petition Wright; cc docket #96-128

I am writing you in the concerns that Kansas Dept. of Corrections and Century Link/Isolutions (1-800-506-8407) is extorting (improper pressure) the prisoners and their family on the new phone rates that will begin in March 1, 2013. The reason I say extorting is that in order to stay in contact with your children and love ones we will have to pay a new phone rate 1000% higher than we was in order to keep family ties.

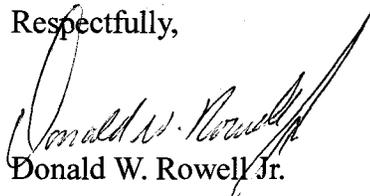
As of now the phone cost is a local hook-up fee of \$1.96, this is for a two hour phone call and with their new rates that will cost us \$0.17 a minute that adds up to \$10.20 for one hour or \$20.40 for a two hour call that is costing us \$1.96 now, this is 1000% increase than it was.

This is highway robbery toward the people in prison paying for the call when and if they obtain the funds to call love ones as well as the taxpayers that put you in office in the event something like this would hinder them as taxpayers.

Something needs to be done about the Corporations, Federal and state agencies and officials trying to extort all the lower class citizens that are trying to make it day to day and even worst, all these Officials we put in office that are getting kick backs from Corporations.

We pay your salaries to do a job not to be extorted by these Corporations and Officials. Please advise me of your position on this.

Respectfully,


Donald W. Rowell Jr.

president@whitehouse.gov
vice.president@whitehouse.gov
governor@ks.gov
lt.governor@state.ks.us
kssos@kssos.org
general@ksag.org
publicaffairs@kcc.state.ks.us
kdocpub@doc.ks.gov
info@prisonlegalnews.org
schisenhall@wichitaeagle.com
tomari.quinn@cjonline.com
timothy.carpenter@cjonline.com

b.j.clelland@ks.gov
public@treasurer.state.ks.us
pat.saville@senate.ks.gov
cnnnewsroom@cnn.com
incellconnect@yahoo.com
jmont@hutchnews.com
info@ap.org
www.kslegislature.org
www.kansascommerce.com
www.phonejustice.org
www.prisonphonejustice.org
www.justice.gov/ag

Mitchell Kitzgore 94531
EDCF
P.O. Box 311
EL Dorado, KS 67042

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
Public comments
445 12th St. NW
Washington, DC. 20554

Received & Inspected

FEB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

RE: Petition Wright; cc docket #96-128

I am writing you in the concerns that Kansas Dept. of Corrections and Century Link/Icsolutions (1-800-506-8407) is extorting (improper pressure) the prisoners and their family on the new phone rates that will begin in March 1, 2013. The reason I say extorting is that in order to stay in contact with your children and love ones we will have to pay a new phone rate 1000% higher than we was in order to keep family ties.

As of now the phone cost is a local hook-up fee of \$1.96, this is for a two hour phone call and with their new rates that will cost us \$0.17 a minute that adds up to \$10.20 for one hour or \$20.40 for a two hour call that is costing us \$1.96 now, this is 1000% increase than it was.

This is highway robbery toward the people in prison paying for the call when and if they obtain the funds to call love ones as well as the taxpayers that put you in office in the event something like this would hinder them as taxpayers.

Something needs to be done about the Corporations, Federal and state agencies and officials trying to extort all the lower class citizens that are trying to make it day to day and even worst, all these Officials we put in office that are getting kick backs from Corporations.

We pay your salaries to do a job not to be extorted by these Corporations and Officials. Please advise me of your position on this.

Sincerely,

Send Emails to:

president@whitehouse.gov
vice.president@whitehouse.gov
governor@ks.gov
lt.governor@state.ks.us
kssos@kssos.org
general@ksag.org
publicaffairs@kcc.state.ks.us
kdocpub@doc.ks.gov
info@prisonlegalnews.org
tomari.quinn@cjonline.com
timothy.carpenter@cjonline.com
b.j.clelland@ks.gov

public@treasurer.state.ks.us
pat.saville@senate.ks.gov
cnnnewsroom@cnn.com
incellconnect@yahoo.com
jmont@hutchnews.com
info@ap.org
schisenhall@wichitaeagle.com
www.kslegislature.org
www.kansascommerce.com
www.phonejustice.org
www.prisonphonejustice.org
www.justice.gov/ag

To Whom it may concern:

Received & Inspected

FEB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I am an inmate at Central California
Womans Facility in Chowchilla and am
writing you to make a public comment for
the Wright Petition CC Docket # 96-128.

The cost of collect calls is very expensive
and is a burden to our families whom
already cover our restitution, quarterly boxes
and our canteen store. My mother and 3
children live out of state in Nevada and
I can only call them once a month due to
the cost of the call. Please have some cons-
ideration for the collect call charges to reduce
the costs so we can keep in touch with our
loved ones. I appreciate your time.

Thank you,

Yvonne Mont
Docket # WE0766

Ms. Helena Cobb
1261 North 20th St.
Defuniak Springs, Fla
32433

January 23, 2013

Received & Inspected

FEB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

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

Dear mr. Genachowski,

"This is a public comment for CC Docket #96-128 (the Wright Petition)" I am concerned about the abuse of power by the monopolizing of these prison phone companies, e.g. Global Tel* Link, which is visiting the prisoners, their family and love ones with extreme cost in order to try and maintain a close relationship with their loved ones. I am being held captive to these phone companies having to pay these high prices. Some companies don't allow collect calls so we are at their mercy having to pay their prices which are costly.

Allow me to explain what it is doing to my family as well as my husband who is incarcerated. We are drifting further away from each other by not being able to communicate with each other and our children need to be able to talk with their father, cause I live out of state and it is difficult to drive up in see him. I am not able to prepay to be able to hear from him when he tries to call, for the rates are to high. Also, having 4 children and not on "welfare", can not afford to prepay that ridiculously high rate.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment which I hope will help alleviate this burden on the prisoners and family members.

Truthfully submitted,

Helena Cobb

Helena Cobb

Federal Communications Commission
445-12th St SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Received & Inspected

FEB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

Gentlemen:

The cost of collect long distance calls for my love one cost me from \$6.35 to \$8.75 just to put money on the account to call me. It depends if I put the money on the account by phone or use the internet. They will charge a fee to put it on the account and a fee on using a credit/debit card. So there are two separate fees. The cost of the calls will cost \$8.25 in the state up to \$17.00 for them to call out of state. So we are charge varies fees and cost of the call itself.

It is very important to keep family connection because the visiting days are limited and some of us travel a long distance to visit. Some people are never able to visit because of distance, not able to drive or get someone to take you.

I am asking for your understanding of how hard this is on me and it was been going on since my love one has been in prison. It is financially a hardship on me.

KRISTIANA MANGIONE
Name

5563 Foti Lane
Address

Birmingham, AL 35215
City, state & zip code

Federal Communications Commission
445-12th St SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Received & Inspected

FEB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

1/30/2013
Date

Gentlemen:

The cost of collect long distance calls for my loved one cost me from \$6.35 to \$8.75 just to put money on the account to call me. It depends on if I put the money on the account by phone or use the internet. The Carrier/Provider will charge a fee to put money on the account and a fee for using a credit/debit card. So there are two separate fees. The cost of the calls will range from \$8.25 in the state, and up to \$17.00 for them to call out of state. So families and friends are charged various fees in addition to the cost of the call itself.

It is very important to maintain family connections with our incarcerated family and friends; the visiting days are limited and some of us travel a long distance to visit. Some people are never able to visit because of distance, limited financial resources, not able to drive or get someone to take them.

I am asking for your understanding of how hard this is on me and other families. This has been going on since my loved one has been incarcerated. It is a financial a hardship on me.

Sincerely,

Brittney Wazel
Name

904 Briarwood Dr.
Address

Arab AL 35016
City, State & Zip Code

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

Received & Inspected

FEB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

February 5, 2013

FROM: Martin D. Smillie DM-5123
SCI-Fayette
P.O. Box 9999
Labelle, PA 15450-0999

RE: Wright Petition (CC Docket #96-128)

Chairman Julius Genachowski,

"This is a Public Comment for the Wright Petition." (CC Docket #96-128. I am sending you all this paperwork that is enclosed with this letter about the high cost our families have to pay to receive collect calls. I came to SCI-Fayette on October 3, 2012, I called my father the first day I was here made a collect call and spoke with him.

Then I tried to call him again and the Pennsylvania DOC phone system called GTL block my fathers collect calls telling him he had to call the toll-free number to set up a account with their phone system GTL. The paperwork is what I filed to get the block removed which they say that my fathers phone is not block by GTL, but when I try to call collect the recording is from their telephone system GTL. I went all the way to Camp Hill Pennsylvania without to avail. They are now not just charging are family high dollars to call are love ones.

They are now forcing are family into a contract with their phone system GTL. My father is 86 years old and he is old school he does not believe in spending extra money on opening an account with their phone system GTL. So I am including this information

so you have it on file. My father also contact his phone company and they told him its not there company doing it. It's the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections phone system GTL.

I thank you in advance and hope this paperwork will assist in this injustice that has occurred with the Department of Corrections GTL phone system, and are families being monopolize by the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections.

Sincerely,

Martin D. Smillie DM-5123

CC: Chairman, Julius Genachowski
Martin D. Smillie DM-5123

Received & Inspected

Thorne

DC-804
Part 1
Rev 9/2010

FEB 11 2013

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
P.O. BOX 598
CAMP HILL, PA 17001-0598

FOR OFFICIAL USE
433973
GRIEVANCE NUMBER

FCC Mail Room

OFFICIAL INMATE GRIEVANCE

TO: FACILITY GRIEVANCE COORDINATOR Mrs. Rhonda House	FACILITY: Fayette	DATE: October 24, 2012
FROM: (INMATE NAME & NUMBER) Martin D. Smillie DM-5123	SIGNATURE OF INMATE: <i>Martin D. Smillie</i>	
WORK ASSIGNMENT: GLP	HOUSING ASSIGNMENT: AB-35-1	
INSTRUCTIONS: 1. Refer to the DC-ADM 804 for procedures on the inmate grievance system. 2. State your grievance in Block A in a brief and understandable manner. 3. List in Block B any action you may have taken to resolve this matter. Be sure to include the identity of staff members you have contacted.		
A. Provide a brief, clear statement of your grievance. Additional paper may be used, maximum two pages (one DC-804 form and one one-sided 8½" x 11" page). State all relief that you are seeking. This grievance is being filed in Good Faith, and for just cause. I have file two (2) Telephone System Discrepancy Form complaints without no, avail. Please explain to me that after calling my father for over, Fifteen (15) years without any interruptions on his collect calls? Now this prison is telling me that my father carrier is stopping his collect calls on his phone? So why is the recording from GTL and says he is \$1.00 over the limit and to contact GTL which is the phone company the Pennsylvania State Prison system that they deal with? The person from the complaints that I have filed goes on to say no one is pushing my father in a contract. This is untrue because the recording is the same, and they said to contact the toll-free number to set up account with the GTL phone system. This is a direct violation of my First Amendment ### Rights and my loved ones First Amendment Rights to be forced into a phone contract with a provided that my father does not use. See the following cases: <i>Arsberry v. Illinois</i> , 244 F.3d 558 (7th Cir. 2001), and <i>Walton v. New York State Dept. of Correctional Services</i> , 869 N.Y.S. 2d 661, 57 A.D.3d 1180 (2008) and <i>Byrd v. Goord</i> , No. 00 Civ 2135, 2005 US Dist LEXIS 18544 (S.D.N.Y. August 29, 2005). If this issue is not resolved I will appeal further.		
B. List actions taken and staff you have contacted, before submitting this grievance. I filed Two (2) Telephone System Discrepancy Form without any avail.		

Your grievance has been received and will be processed in accordance with DC-ADM 804.

[Signature]
Signature of Facility Grievance Coordinator

S.C.I. FAYETTE

10-29-12
Date

WHITE Facility Grievance Coordinator Copy
GOLDEN ROD Inmate Copy

CANARY File Copy PINK Action Return Copy

OCT 29 2012
SUPERINTENDENT ASSISTANT II

RECEIVED A-BLOCK

OCT 25 2012

DC-ADM 804, Inmate Grievance System Procedures Manual
Section 1 – Grievances & Initial Review

Attachment 1-A

Issued: 12/1/2010
Effective: 12/8/2010

INITIAL REVIEW RESPONSE

SCI Fayette
50 Overlook Drive
LaBelle, PA 15450

This serves to acknowledge receipt of your grievance to the assigned Grievance Officer. The response is as follows:

Inmate Name:	[REDACTED]	Inmate Number:	DM5123
Facility:	SCI Fayette	Unit Location:	[REDACTED]
Grievance #:	433973	Grievance Date:	10/30/2012
Publication (if applicable):			
Decision:	<input type="checkbox"/> Uphold Inmate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grievance Denied <input type="checkbox"/> Uphold in part/Denied in part		
<i>It is the decision of this grievance officer to uphold, deny or uphold in part/deny in part the inmate's initial grievance. This response will include a brief rationale, summarize the conclusion, any action taken to resolve the issue(s) raised in the grievance and, relief sought.</i>			
Response:	Frivolous		
<p>I reviewed the information contained in your grievance about the GTL procedures. These procedures are for collect calls only. I have attached a copy of the memo with your grievance response for your use. You can still contact your family using a calling card purchased through the commissary to make calls without having to set up an account. Your phone calls are not being restricted in any way; you have two choices to make regarding placing phone calls. You can no longer just call collect.</p> <p>The phone system at SCI Fayette was operating properly during the time of these calls. There is no reason within the phone system that the calls were not connected.</p> <p>This Grievance is denied. You are encouraged to use the system in place to make phone calls.</p>			
Signature:	[Signature]		S.C.I. FAYETTE
Title:	Intelligence Captain Joseph F. Trempus		NOV 28 2012
Date:	11/26/2012		[Signature]

SUPERINTENDENT ASSISTANT II

cc: Superintendent
Facility Grievance Coordinator
DC-15
File

2013

Final Appeal Decision
Secretary's Office of Inmate Grievances & Appeals
Pennsylvania Department of Corrections
1920 Technology Parkway
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

This serves to acknowledge receipt of your appeal to the Secretary's Office of Inmate Grievances and Appeals for the grievance noted below. In accordance with the provisions of DC-ADM 804, "Inmate Grievance System Policy", the following response is being provided based on a review of the entire record of this grievance. The review included your initial grievance, the Grievance Officer's response, your appeal to the Facility Manager, the Facility Manager's response, the issues you raised to final review, and (when applicable) any revised institutional responses required as a result of a subsequent remand action by this office. As necessary, input from appropriate Central Office Bureaus (e.g., Health Care Services, Chief Counsel, Office of Special Investigations and Intelligence, etc) may have been solicited in making a determination in response to your issue as well.

Inmate Name:	Martin Smillie	Inmate Number:	DM5123
SCI Filed at:	Fayette	Current SCI:	Fayette
Grievance #:	433973		
Publication (if applicable):			
Decision:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uphold Response (UR) <input type="checkbox"/> Uphold Inmate (UI) <input type="checkbox"/> Uphold in part/Deny in part		
<i>It is the decision of the Secretary's Office of Inmate Grievances and Appeals to uphold the initial response, uphold the inmate, or Uphold in part/Deny in part. This response will include a brief rationale, summarizing the conclusion, any action taken to resolve the issue(s) raised in the grievance and your appeal and relief sought.</i>			
Response:	Frivolous		
You state in your grievance that you were informed that your father's phone company blocked your number and you say that is not true. You state the Global is giving the recording that your father must call the toll free number and set up an account. Captain Trempus conducted an investigation into your allegations. The record reflects that Captain Trempus provided you a copy of the information from GTL. You may set up an account or purchase a calling card through the commissary. Your calls are not being restricted; you just cannot call collect. The record reflects that the phone system was working properly during this time. You have failed to provide any evidence that your calls were restricted. You are encouraged to use the system that is in place for calls.			
Signature:	Dorina Varner 		
Title:	Chief Grievance Officer		
Date:	1/18/13		

DLV

cc: DC-15/Superintendent Coleman
Grievance Office

2-2-2013

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I am writing you due to the phone cost. The phone provider for our prison is trying to monopolize the phone contracts. Also the cost is very high. I have been incarcerated since March, 2003. My family keeps in contact with me as best as they financially can. I count myself lucky to be able to have a family who can afford a phone line, even if it does cost alot. But other Inmates don't have such luck and I see the difference in those who have close bonds to family and those who can't. Those who can't seem to get in more trouble and go thru there day just plain grumpy and ready to snap at someone. These are the same people who will be let out eventually to a society that will just be victimized. You would be surprised what a little phone call to family does. So please look at the outrages cost of California's Prison Phone cost. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John M. ...", written over a horizontal line.

Received & Inspected

FEB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

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

February 4, 2013

John Livesay Ph.D 1108120
3600 Woods Way P.C.C.
State Farm, VA 23160

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

Received & Inspected
FEB 11 2013
FCC Mail Room

Re: The high cost of prison phone calls

Dear Mr. Genachowski,
Sir, my mother is eighty-seven years old. She fell and broke her hip a few months ago. A few weeks later she had to go back into the hospital for a lung infection. Upon her release she had to move in with my brother as she was too weak to live alone. My sister-in-law said that they could not afford for me to call as my brother is retired and on a fixed income. It was like a dagger to my heart. She is old and I do'nt know how much longer she will live. This time is precious.

In the past I only called my mom once a week because I realize that paying 4.50 a call when she only lives about twenty miles away is robbery. Why should they bear the burden of my incarceration?

Both my mom and brother's house are only twenty miles away but because they live on the other side of the James River it is considered long distance.

My son wanted me to call him but the same situation exists. A son needs his dad no matter where he may be. Global Tel tried to get my ex-wife to switch phone carriers or open a pre-paid account! Her new husband would'nt go for that.

Global Tel acts as a bully because they can. My family and I are powerless to make any changes. But you hold the power to create reform and I would ask you to do so for all who are suffering from their monopoly. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,

 John Livesay Ph.D.

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

Received & Inspected

FEB 11 2013

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

FCC Mail Room

Hi my name is, TRAVIS MITCHELL, I've been in prison for three years now and I have children, two boys one is five, and my other one is three, and I don't get to talk to them that much because of the high phone cost, me or my family can't afford to put money on there. Last month I lost my uncle, and my grandfather and because I couldn't call home it took a week for me to find out, I had to wait for a letter, once before my mother was in the hospital for cancer and I didn't find out or tell she got out. God forbid but what if she would have never come home! Then how would I have found out through a letter! By then it would have been too late. I just ask that some body do something about the high cost of these phone calls so more people can talk to their family's. Thank you all for taking the time to hear my story I hope it touches some one's heart and some thing good comes out of all of this.

Received & Inspected

FEB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

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

Date: 1/17/13

DEAR, Chairman Genachowski

Chairman Julius Genachowski I thank you for taking time out of your busy day to listen to my problem. Here at Mctc, (Maryland Correctional training center) they are starting something new with ~~the~~ pay phones. They are changing the contract with t-netix to a company that's too expensive and a burden on all of us inmates here at (Mctc). Mr. Julius I don't get much from my family, but I put what I can on the pay phone to contact my love ones. Mctc (Maryland correctional training center) are changing the phone company to the same as the Federal prisons are using, can you please bless us and help to lift this burden off the back of us inmates here. Thank you!!

MR. PREGMARD A. SMITH
368948

1/13/13

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

Received & Inspected

FEB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

My name is Joseph Wills ID# 371555 and I am incarcerated at MCTC Hagerstown MD Jail, I am one of the people who can't get on the phone almost at all because of the price on the phone here being over \$10.00 a call, when I call a cell phone its \$1.00 per minute for only 10 minutes. I can't afford to put money on it (the phone) from my state pay so my family is forced to suffer the pain of payment even when they themselves could barely afford ^{to} ~~use~~ the system.

So thank you if you can do anything, but I'll pray to God you'll do something.

Thank you
Joseph Wills 371555

1/15/13

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

Received & Inspected

Dear Chairman, Genachowski

FEB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

How are you doing, today? First I would like to thank you for the work you have done & are doing for us. A lot of people could be careless about a simple situation like this when it's really important to us. Due to me being out Hagerstown Maryland, I'm not able to use the phone b/c it's \$30 a minute which adds up to almost \$10.00 for a whole phone call (30mins). If you check my phone history the first 2 to 3 yrs I was at least on the phone 3 to 4 times a week. Now that I'm not in Baltimore I only get on the phone once a month or every 2 months. I don't know what's going on with my family, daughter or relatives due to these prices. And that's hard when you can't get a local number. So I thank you for what you're doing to lower the phone rates b/c we really need it. Thank you again & God Bless

Rodje Williams # 368404 

Received & Inspected

FEB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

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

Federal Communication Commission

Public Comments

445 12th Street SW

Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Julius Genachowski:

Good day Sir It's difficult for me to find out what's going on with my family. Recently I had a close relative pass away, but due to complications with the cost of phone calls, I just got the news. Another is I don't get to tell my children happy birthday or good nite. Just getting to talk to family is all I have in this place to keep me sane, and on some occasions it stops me from getting in trouble. Plus, my financial situation is not in good condition. You may not understand, but the phone is my only access to the outside world. Due to my location, I don't receive visitation.

Sincerely,

Dandre Trayhern

Dandre Trayhern

Received & Inspected

FEB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

Dear:

Sir,

I'm writing in concern of these high phone prices, I reside in the state of Illinois, but I'm incarcerated in the state of Tennessee, and have to call and check on my wife in Rockford Illinois who is under going treatment of Breast Cancer. I have been calling three times a week from Feb. 24, 2012 and my earliest release date is May 13, 2013

if there is any way possible that I can be added ^{to} a pending claim dealing with these high phone rates, and be reimbursed in part or all of the funds I have spent will be greatly appreciated, I also have a point of contact once I'm released after May 13, 2013

Respectfully submitted
Terence Barry
P.O. Box - 9015
Rockford, Ill.

61126

(423) 404-8331

FEB 11 2013

2-5-13
FCC Mail Room

DEAR: Chairman Julius Genachowski

I'm respectfully writing you this letter for the impact of high costs of prison phone calls has affected me and my family. This has been a problem for me because everytime I buy phone time of commissary to call my family I dont get the time I need, it cost me \$5.00 for 15 minutes to call my family in Lancaster, P.A. and those 15 minutes aint really 15 minutes to get in a conversation because every 3 minutes you have the operator saying that the call is being recorded which me and my family know soon as they accept my calls. I dont think is fair that I pay \$5.00 for 15 minutes and half of the time the operator comes talking, I dont talk to my family all the time ~~and~~ and when I get a chance to talk to them is never enough. I always buy a 10.00 dollar phone card and get to call them 2 times every 3 months or so this has affected my family because I havent seen them in years and when I get a chance I have to talk to them in a rush because 15 minutes aint the 15 minutes I pay for. \$10.00 is basically 30 minutes. I would like this problem to stop and for some actions to be taking. There's alot of inmates that would like to talk to their kids & family but are scared to buy phone time to get ripped off.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

SINCERELY: LUIS GARCIA-RIVERA

Luis Garcia

Received & Inspected

FEB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

Brandon Moody, pro se
c/o HQ 9088
301 Morea Road
Frackville, PA 17932

Feb. 2, 2013

Re: "THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE WRIGHT PETITION (CC Docket #96-128)":

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

First, I would like to wish you a happy be-laded Seasons Greeting.

You are probably already aware of why I am writing, but just in case you are not, I will elaborate.

I am a concerned prisoner who believes that rehabilitation is no longer a serious consideration in the Prison Industrial Complex system. Why do I say this? Although I have a variety of quarrels with how the overall "Justice System" is operated, I will only confer on the one that is pertinent to the position you hold, i.e., "Communications." With the position you hold I don't believe I have to overindulge on the importance of this basic human necessity, but I will express how the outrageous cost of prison phone calls are egregiously impeding such a pertinent means of human interaction.

In Pennsylvania, it costs an average of about \$6.00 to make a direct or collect call for a little less than 15 min. this is outrageous when most phone calls are interstate and our families are between an averages of one-and a half to eight hrs drive away from us. This means that the only frequent and meaningful opportunity to maintain a familial bond is by telephone.

Now for someone, like myself, who is serving an ungodly sentence of LWOP this avenue is one of my only ways to maintain my familial relationships. However, due to the outrageous cost I am only afforded an opportunity to make maybe four phone calls a week to four different family members. Those members are my father (50yrs of age), my grandmothers (70&71 yrs of age), and my adolescent daughter, Maha'jae (Mah-hahijay) (7yrs of age). My father and grandmothers' are some what understanding about the limited phone calls, but they would rather I call more 'if they could afford it on their retirement wages. This burden only causes us all more stress, which they do not need in their ages, and which I do not need in my circumstance.

However, you know who doesn't understand why I can only call once a week, or cannot call whenever we get disconnected? Maha'jae, my daughter beautiful. This puts a serious strain on our relationship when she needs me the most. The majority of the times when I call we may get disconnected and this causes her to get angry when I cannot immediately call back. Sometimes, when I finally call back a week later, she does not want to talk to me because of this. This not only causes me extra mental anguish and depression, but also invokes mix feelings of rejection in Maha'jae, which will only damage her emotionally in the end. She is one of my only life sustaining refuges, which keeps me grounded in such an adverse condition. I am not sure if you have children, but I am sure you know the value of a Father and Daughter bond, especially in somber years of their lives.

So, for these reasons stated above I'm hoping you will take serious consideration into regulating the outrageous phone costs throughout this great nation, not just for the prisoners, but for the un deserving victims that are our families whom are law abiding, tax paying citizens. Thank you for your time and I pray, in good faith, that you will do what is just.

Sincerely,

FEB 11 2013 - 2-13

FCC Mail Room

To whom it may concern,

We have Consolidated Communications phone service here at our Correctional facility, Lincoln Correctional Center, Lincoln, Illinois. The prices of our phone calls are so outlandishly high that I am limited as to how much I am able to connect with my children or family and friends. It costs \$3.00 for just the automated service for the connect and that fee is charged even if an answering machine picks up and the call is not actually accepted.

Consolidated Communications will only allow a \$100.00 a month phone call limit and that amount doesn't allow for many calls home and it is not taken into consideration that some families have more

Received & Inspected

22-13

FEB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

To whom it may concern,

I am writing because I was told there was an investigation into Consolidated Communications for overcharging on collect calls from prisons.

I am currently incarcerated at Lincoln Correctional Center in Lincoln, Illinois. I have been incarcerated for 12 1/2 years. I call my grandmother at least 2-4 times a month.

They charge about \$10 per phone call. It is wrong. They impose limits on the phone. My family only lives 45 miles from the prison, it shouldn't cost \$10 for a thirty minute phone call.

I have other family members that I cannot call but a few times a year because of the cost of the phone call.

Consolidated Communications has made it difficult for me to be in contact with my family.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to look into this matter.

If I can be of any further assistance,
please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Deborah A. Sims

Deborah A. Sims B36039

Lincoln Corr. Center

P.O. Box 549

Lincoln, IL 62656

CC ~~Peoples~~ Uptown Peoples Law Center

4413 North Sheridan

Chicago, IL 60640

than one family member or
friend incarcerated.

In the past three years I
have had a hard time calling
my children because some
areas of consolidated
communications require the
phone owner to have a pre-
paid \$100.00 account set up.

With this it made it to
where I could not have
contact with my children
and family. Monthly charges
made it easier even though
the charges are outlandish.

Valerie Devore
R36840
P.O. Box 549
Lincoln, IL

102656

Sincerely,
Valerie Devore

Cc: File (Brandon Moody)
Prison Legal News
Philadelphia Prison Society (Graterfriends)
Human Rights Ccalition

THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE WRIGHT PETITION
((CC DOCKET #96-128))

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

Received & Inspected

FEB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

From: GARY MCCLELLAN, Federal Prisoner # 34492-060
Federal Correctional Institution
P.O. Box 4000
Manchester, KY 40962-4000

Date: February 07, 2013

RE: The Cost of Prison Phone Calls

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The cost of prison phone calls are extremely high, in most cases as much as 4X the cost of basic local and/or long distance calls in the free world. Collect calls are unbearable, so much so that people fear to make them as much as accepting them.

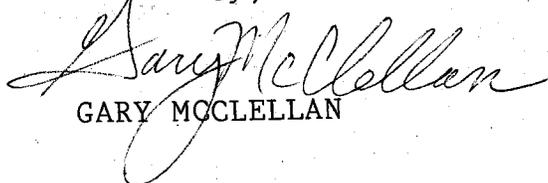
People/ prisoners, and their families and friends have a basic need for a just line of communication requiring no more than a basic service. Unfortunately, the basic service now provided to prison phone service has attached to it exorbitant cost and extremely high bills. These costs and bills impose upon the consumer a hardship that does not have to be.

Whether it is an issue of limited calls or limited minutes per call, the fact is that we simply cannot afford the cost of these calls under any of the circumstances in which they are manifest. All relationships are burdened and many suffer needlessly because on these costs.

The regulations which permit the exploitation of prisoners and their supporters via the high cost of prison phone calls, should be reviewed immediately and change to a more sensible, fair and just communications system that all can appreciate and benefit from over the long term.

In conclusion, I would argue that reducing the cost of prison phone calls overall would have an impact of good resort, however slight upon recidivism and be a deterrence factor in the lives of youth and young adults. In today's climate on crime-society needs all the help it can justifiably find. And the help of the few who would do so from a prison phone call, could go a long way in the right direction. Thank you.

Sincerely,


GARY MCCLELLAN

gm/cc

Patricia A. Kartman
61143 Crozier Ridge Road
Bellaire, Ohio 43906

Received & Inspected
FEB 11 2013
FCC Mail Room

January 20, 2013

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

RE: Abuses of Prison Phone Industry

Dear Chairman Genachowski

I would like to take this opportunity to explain the impact of the present cost of just one phone call from my son in prison to me at home to talk for just fifteen minutes. The cost of this call no matter what time of the day or night is approximately eight dollars for the call and seven dollars a month charge from my husband's phone carrier. The carrier charges him a seven dollar fee for handling GTL's collect calls.

When my son calls home just once a month it costs fifteen dollars. This is more than my husband's entire phone bill. We are both on a fixed income and cannot afford to pay these rates. My son is incarcerated at Huttonsville Correctional Center, Huttonsville, West Virginia. My husband and I live approximately 200 miles away and we are not able to visit causing a significant hardship for all of us. I'm in my late sixties with health problems that prevent me from traveling. I constantly worry about my son and I'm not able to talk to him because of the outrageous call rates.

I feel the phone rates that we are forced to pay is due to an abusive practice. We are in fact victims of this egregious practice that turns out to be lucratively profitable for the phone companies. This practice should be stopped and regulated.

Very Truly Yours



Patricia A. Kartman

FEB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

TO: Chairman Genachowski

RE: "THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE WRIGHT PETITION (CC DOCKET # 96-12

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing to you today in regards to the impact the high cost of prison phone calls have had on me and my family.

I am currently incarcerated in the Westville Correctional Facility located in Westville, IN. For the last two years my fiancée and myself have been charged in upwards of \$6.80 per 15 min for phone calls. The cost of these calls have placed a financial burden on my fiancée that can only be described as unfathomable.

I personally view these phone calls as a form of rehabilitation within themselves. Offenders should be able to call home to speak with friends and family, in a sense it a way of being able to see the light at the end of the tunnel. When offenders can't reach out to their loved ones for support they turn to the only support group willing to listen. Prison gangs have consumed offenders in my facility. Prison gangs have become the "family" for many offenders with no where else to turn.

Additionally offender with no way to reach out to loved ones have no way to contact friends and family when they are in need of funds for commissary purchases. Prison gangs step in using these lacking offenders to orchestrate the robberies of other offenders for their personal belongings.

I could go on all day about the many negative effects of costly prison phone calls; the fact of the matter is that the high cost of prison calls will NEVER promote an atmosphere of rehabilitation. It instigates the use of illegally obtained cell phones, and steers needy offenders away from their positive rehabilitation, and towards negativity such as stress, and prison gangs.

Can you please aid in creating laws that prevent prisons from turning the prison phone system into "Big business." The ~~main~~ main focus should lie in positive rehabilitation, education, community, and connecting offenders with their families.

Sincerely,

Lamont D. Lane #142010

5501 S. 1100 West

Westville IN 46391

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

Received & Inspected

FEB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

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

My name is Glenn Waller II, I'm writing this letter to let it be known about the effect on my family and I that the phone calls in prison have caused. A 30 min phone call cost my mother approximately \$10. a call. I'm the baby of the family, I've been incarcerated since the age of 17, I'm now 32, and she gets worried if I don't call because of course she worries about my safety, so I call once a week, that's \$40. a month and that's \$480. a year times 15 years. The amount that has my mother constantly having to make life decisions, either talk to her baby boy, or pay some other bill. A person should not have to make those types of decisions, especially when a regular phone call is .50. Why must we struggle to stay in contact with family because of one bad decision made in life. Is it not enough that I'm physically away from them, at least I should be able to call freely and not worry whether or not another important bill will get paid? Communication is the key to strong families, no communication, no family, and families are what comprise the community and nation. An investment in the strengthening of

Received & Inspected

FEB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

(DEAR CHAIRMAN GENACTOWSKI)

MY NAME IS JAVON FRANKLIN INMATE NUMBER JY-7006. I'M WRITING IN CONCERN OF THE PHONE SYSTEM HERE IN THE D.O.C IN PENNSYLVANIA. THE PROBLEM I'M HAVING IS, I'M A INMATE THAT IS ORIGINALLY FROM "MICHIGAN", SO MY FAMILY IS LIVING IN "MICHIGAN"; AND THE COST OF CALLS FROM HERE TO "MICHIGAN" IS CLOSE TO TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) A CALL. AND WITH THIS SYSTEM, SOME HOW AND FOR SOME REASON IT DROPS A LOT OF CALLS. WHEN PAYING (\$10.00) A CALL, AND THE CALL IS SUBJECT TO DROP, WHICH HAS HAPPENED TO ME BEFORE. IT'S NOT A GOOD FEELING, AT ALL. MY MOTHER PAST AWAY IN (2011), AND I COULD NOT TALK TO MY FAMILY LIKE I REALLY NEEDED TO BECAUSE THE COST OF THE CALL, SO WHAT EVER YOU COULD DO TO HELP US, IT WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP.

JAVON FRANKLIN #JY-7006

Javon Franklin

2/3/13

Kevin J. LaBelle #54518
E.D.C.F. PO Box 311
El Dorado, Kansas 67042

Received & Inspected

FEB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
Public comments
445 12th St. NW
Washington, DC. 20554

RE: Petition Wright; cc docket #96-128

I am writing you in the concerns that Kansas Dept. of Corrections and Century Link/Icsolutions (1-800-506-8407) is extorting (improper pressure) the prisoners and their family on the new phone rates that will begin in March 1, 2013. The reason I say extorting is that in order to stay in contact with your children and love ones we will have to pay a new phone rate 1000% higher than we was in order to keep family ties.

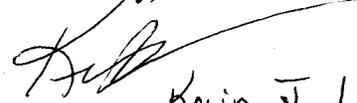
As of now the phone cost is a local hook-up fee of \$1.96, this is for a two hour phone call and with their new rates that will cost us \$0.17 a minute that adds up to \$10.20 for one hour or \$20.40 for a two hour call that is costing us \$1.96 now, this is 1000% increase than it was.

This is highway robbery toward the people in prison paying for the call when and if they obtain the funds to call love ones as well as the taxpayers that put you in office in the event something like this would hinder them as taxpayers.

Something needs to be done about the Corporations, Federal and state agencies and officials trying to extort all the lower class citizens that are trying to make it day to day and even worst, all these Officials we put in office that are getting kick backs from Corporations.

We pay your salaries to do a job not to be extorted by these Corporations and Officials. Please advise me of your position on this.

Sincerely,


Kevin J. LaBelle

Send Emails to:

president@whitehouse.gov	public@treasurer.state.ks.us
vice.president@whitehouse.gov	pat.saville@senate.ks.gov
governor@ks.gov	cnnnewsroom@cnn.com
lt.governor@state.ks.us	incellconnect@yahoo.com
kssos@kssos.org	jmont@hutchnews.com
general@ksag.org	info@ap.org
publicaffairs@kcc.state.ks.us	schisenhall@wichitaeagle.com
kdocpub@doc.ks.gov	www.kslegislature.org
info@prisonlegalnews.org	www.kansascommerce.com
tomari.quinn@cjonline.com	www.phonejustice.org
timothy.carpenter@cjonline.com	www.prisonphonejustice.org
b.j.clelland@ks.gov	www.justice.gov/ag

Received & Inspected

FEB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

January 28, 2013

Chairman Julius Genachowski
FCC
Public Comments
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20534

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I am writing to you in regards to The Wright Petition (CC Docket #96-128).

It is the adage of the Oregon Department of Corrections "that the family is an intricate part of the rehabilitation process," but yet it costs us on average fifteen times what the general public pays for phone calls, thus making it sporadic at best to talk to our families.

I have no problem being accountable for my actions and I take full responsibility for those actions but when it in turn effects my wife and kids who live in another state and therefore puts a substantial financial burden on them. I often miss out on birthdays and special occasions due in part because of the costly phone rates. There have been many months where I will have to decide between calling home or on buying personal hygiene items that are needed because of

Raymel L. Addison
GN 1646
1600 Walters Mill Rd
Somerset PA 15510

2-11-13

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

Received & Inspected

FEB 11 2013

Hello, My name is Raymel Lamar Addison and FCC Mail Room
I am writing do to the High Rates of
The phone calls in our prison system. I've
been incarcerated well over 10 years now and
every year its getting harder and harder on
my family. Because of the charge on the phone
system my family can not save any money to
really help me. Most of the time I dont even
want to call even when its really important.
Because of the charge of the phone call. Each
call that I do make I can just tell the stress
Im bringing on them. Even as us inmates buy
phone cards, its still hard because out of a
\$10.00 phone card we only get 2 calls, and
I live in Pittsburgh. There is no way one
call should cost almost \$6.00 for 15 minutes.
This is truly not right. Some things need to
be brought to an end. And this is just one
of the issues. Some people up here cant even
afford to call because of the cost. And no
one, I dont care where you are at, no one
deserves not to be able to talk to your
family. I truly hope and pray that a change is
made.
Sincerely
ONE MAN Raymel Addison

FEB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

2/5/12

" this is a public comment for the Wright
Petition (cc docket # 96-128). "

TO: FCC (Julius Genachowski)

Dear Chairman Genachowski I'm currently housed at SCT
Somerset, I've been in this prison
for about 2 yrs +, but I've been in the
Department of Corrections for 6 yrs. The
Phone calls to Philadelphia, PA are \$5.15
I've personally stopped buying phone cards
because of that. My communication with
family has been kept to a minimum, I have an ailing
mother whom I can't speak with due to this
burden, all I'm asking is that you ~~can~~ look into
this issue. Lastly this prison is in Somerset PA, 15510
but the area code is 814, still runs \$1.60 to \$3.50
Please fix this thanks

MR HART

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

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission

Public Comments

445 12th Street, S.W.

Washington, DC 20554

Received & Inspected

FEB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I have been incarcerated in the state of Georgia since 2006, and the prison system has Globaltel as the telephone service provider. Globaltel charges a minimum of \$3 just to connect the call and \$5 for a 15 minute call.

At this time the only person I can call is my Aunt. Until recently it was because she was the only one who had a home phone line. Because of economic reasons she had to cancel her home phone and rely solely on her cell phone. Because of Globaltel's crazy billing ways when she changed it took almost a month before things were worked out where we could talk.

The rest of my family rely only on cell phones and have not been able to afford the initial sign up fee for their cell phones. Because of the excessive price, the legitimate phone companies do not allow Globaltel to bill through them, I am a stranger to my family. In this day and age of instant communication via the internet, telephone usage is becoming extent, and will continue to decline.

prisoners are losing contact with family members and their hopes of succeeding when released because of no contact or support from families. We are becoming strangers even to our closest family members.

I have not been able to call my daughter for the past 4 years, my brother the past 6 years or my sister for over 3 years, they cannot afford the expense of the calls. My daughter who lives out of state, but is physically closer to me than the others, a call to her would cost over \$30 for a 15 minute call, my aunt who lives farther but within the same state as I pay's a little over \$15 a call.

The high cost of phone calls to family members is excessive. I don't know how much the state of Georgia gets in kickback from the phone calls but it is unfair to charge people who struggle to make a living extra just because their loved one is in prison.

Respectfully,

~~Jimmy Bilbo~~

Jimmy Bilbo # 1223541

Long State Prison

P.O. Box 70

Ludowici, GA 31316

STANLEY E. BROWN, AF-7573
SCI-Huntingdon
1100 Pike Street
Huntingdon, Pa. 16654

Received & Inspected

FEB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

Chairman JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
FCC
Public Comments
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE WRIGHT PETITION
(cc DOCKET # 96-128)
CAMPAIGN FOR PRISON PHONE JUSTICE
JANUARY 30-2013

Dear Chairman Julius Genachowski

I am writing to you about the above subject matter and would like to know how it is going and what can I do to support it more, I sent you a letter on 11-9-2012 on this matter.

May I thank you now for your given time in this matter of utmost importance.


STANLEY E. BROWN

Chairman Julius

FCC
Public comments

This is a public comment for the
Wright Petition (CC Docket #06-128)

Genachowski,

Feb 2, 2013

Please accept this letter in support of
CC Docket # 06-128. This situation with the
rates of telephone calls for inmates is a
complete travesty. Currently, I am forced to
pay \$5.00 per local call, which is completely
inappropriate. There is no way that a local call
should be this expensive.

The outrageous costs for local calls has made
staying in contact with my family extremely
difficult. To call my family I have to
now decide between hygiene products &
a phone call. In addition, these rates are
truly making my family ~~feel~~ feel as if they
are being punished by having no choice but
to pay outrageous rates if they wish to stay in
contact with me.

Please bring the rates down for inmate phone
calls. Communication to the outside world is
critical to our well being, & reunification

Respectfully,

Received & Inspected

FEB 11 2013

FCC Mail Room

Laura Bryner

LAURA BRYNER #1011670
4370 SMILEY RD.
LAS VEGAS, NV 89115

This is a public comment for the Wright petition
(CC Docket # 16-128)

01-11-1

Received & Inspected

FEB 11 2013

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

FCC Mail Room

I am writing to express my opinions and share my personal story on how phone rates in the prison system have affected myself and many others. To put it bluntly the phone rates are outrageous, unfair, and unrighteous. Due to the high cost of a phone I am constantly left wondering how my family is, worrying about them, adding stress to an already stressful situation. Writing letters just doesn't cut it, though I may love the mail that I receive, a lot can happen in between letters.

When first arriving into the system I called my family a few times but after about two weeks all the family I had been calling asked me to stop. Some even getting irate with me about something that was beyond my control. The cost of phone calls are high and most family members can't afford them. \$10.00, \$17.00, and \$23.00 for a phone call is outrageous. In my opinion the owners of the phone companies who allow these high costing charges are no better than some inmates. Plain and simple the phone fees are nothing but robbery.

No doubt life can be unfair but for me personally the unfairness usually occurs in things out of my control. That brings me to wonder why can't we take things that are under human control and try to make them as fair as possible? Not only are the phone rates unfair to the inmates they are even more unfair to the family members of the inmates. I ask why should our family members suffer even more than they already have to the inmates transgressions?

The phone fees are unrighteous, wronging those who have wronged others. Some people may feel that justice is served but I ask if

everyone were to walk around wronging everyone who had done wrong would there ever be right? If everyone walked around seeking vengeance would there ever be peace? I feel Ghandi said it the best, "An eye for an eye only ends up leaving the whole world blind." So I ask you, Chairman Genachowski, are we going to continue talking around blinding one another or is there a way that a mutual agreement can be reached that is not only fair to inmates and their families but also to phone companies?

I hope that a peaceful fair resolution can be reached sometime soon. It would be nice if I could be able to call my family sometime soon without emptying their bank accounts. The only thing I can ask you is to make a fair decision and let justice be done to those whom your decision effect.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Wheatley Jr.

Inmate # 408376



Received & Inspected

FEB 11 2013

Dear Chairman Genachowski

FCC Mail Room 2-1-13

My name is Donald Young, and I'm 32 years old and I have been in prison for almost 13 years. Today a memo was passed out by the officers of Eldorado Correctional Facility to all inmates on the phone prices, the new phone prices. I currently pay \$2.19 for two hours on the phone because my family has a local number.

The reason they have a local number was to avoid having to pay \$20.00 for one hour as to money that they do not have. My mother and father do not work because of their disabilities, so they get a disability check every month. They take \$30 to \$50 out and place it on the phone so me and my brother can call home.

Now, my family will have to pay whatever they been paying; but ~~they~~ will talk less to me and my brother cause calls will be 18 cents a minute, and that's not included the taxes. So one hour is \$10.80 without tax and me and my brother have to split that down the middle; we also talk to our kids through my mother. My family do not have the money to keep money on the phone so me and my brother can talk to our family.

We need help; I need help. I don't know what to do

~~Robert [unclear]~~

and then I seen your article "Campaign for
prison phone justice", these people are placing
strain on not only me, but also my family. Its is
exploitation, especially when the pay phone
is no where near the price it is in here. Please
help us, please....

Sincerely Donald Young
74516 El Dorado Correctional
Facility, P.O. Box 34
El Dorado, KS 67042

FEB 11 2013

2/11/13

FCC Mail Room

MR. GENACHOWSKI,

I AM WRITING IN REGARD
TO THE SORRY PHONE SYSTEM THE D.C.
RUNS. IT IS A SHAME HOW MUCH THEY TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF INMATES AND THEIR LOVED
ONES. IT'S WHOLESALE EXTORTION, THEIR WAY
OR THE HIGHWAY. THERE IS NO OTHER GAME
IN TOWN. THEY HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF
US AT EVERY TURN. WE MUST BUY THEIR
THE GOODS FROM^v COMMISSARY, THAT THEY BUY FOR
WHOLESALE PRICES. I WOULDN'T MIND SO MUCH
IF THEIR PRODUCE WAS HAPPENING, BUT THAT'S
ANOTHER STORY...

WHATEVER YOU CAN DO TO HELP IN
THE REDUCTION OF PHONE CALLS, PLEASE DO
WE REALLY CANNOT TO PAY THESE PRICES.

THANK YOU, 

TO: Brian V. Coleman, Superintendent
SCI-Fayette

December 3, 2012

FROM: Martin D. Smillie DM-5123
SCI-Fayette
AB-Block 35-1

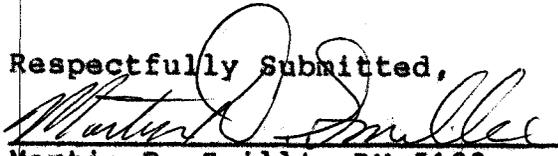
RE: Grievance Appeal Second Level #433973

This Grievance Appeal is being filed in Good Faith and for just cause. I am appealing the decision that Intelligence Captain Joseph F. Trempus made on November 26, 2012. I received his response on November 29, 2012.

He says that he reviewed the information in my grievance about GTL procedures. Then he says these procedures are for collect calls only. Where does it say that my father must call this GTL procedures when he does not deal with this company? My father pays his bills without any interruptions with his long distance company? He then says I can still contact my family using a calling card purchased through commissary which now I am being force in buying a phone card, that I do not need, that's why my father has me calling collect. When I call him collect its cheaper than using a phone card. If my phone calls are not be restricted in any way, then tell me why every-time someone on my dad phones picks up to except the collect call and there is a recording from GTL stating that my family has to call the toll free number to set up an account? How is that not being restricted? The phone system was working when it was connected but then the recording came on from GTL.

This is just another way for the Department of Corrections to make money off my loved ones. This is a direct of my First Amendment Rights and my loved ones First Amendment Rights to be forced into a phone contract with a provided that my father does not use. I can not call to even call to make sure my father is all right he is 86 years old? See the following cases: *Arsberry v. Illinois*, 244 F.3d 558 (7th Cir. 2001), *Walton v. New York State Dept. of Correctional Services*, 869 N.Y.S.2d 661, 57 A.D.3d 1180 (2008), and *Byrd v. Goord*, No. 00 Civ 2135, 2005 US Dist LEXIS 18544 (S.D.N.Y. August 29, 2005). If this issue is not resolved at this level and this recording is not removed from my father phone number, I will appeal to the next level.

Respectfully Submitted,



Martin D. Smillie DM-5123

CC: Brian V. Coleman, Superintendent
Martin D. Smillie DM-5123

TO: Chief, Secretary's Office of Inmate
Grievances and Appeals
PA Department of Corrections
1920 Technology Parkway
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

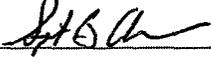
December 20, 2012

FROM: Martin D. Smillie DM-5123
SCI-Fayette
P.O. Box 9999

2)

Facility Manager's Appeal Response
SCI Fayette
50 Overlook Drive
LaBelle, PA 15450

This serves to acknowledge receipt of your grievance appeal to the Facility Manager for the grievance noted below. In accordance with the provisions of DC-ADM 804, "Inmate Grievance System Policy", the following response is being provided based on a review of the entire record of this grievance. The review included your initial grievance, the Grievance Officer's response, your appeal to me and any other documents submitted.

Inmate Name:	Martin Smillie	Inmate Number:	DM5123
Facility:	SCI-Fayette	Unit Location:	AB2035
Grievance #:	433973		
Publication (if applicable):			
Decision:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uphold Response (UR) <input type="checkbox"/> Uphold in part/Deny in part <input type="checkbox"/> Uphold Inmate (UI) <input type="checkbox"/> Dismiss/Dismiss Untimely		
<i>It is the decision of this Facility Manager to uphold the initial response, uphold the inmate, dismiss, or Uphold in part/Deny in part. This response will include a brief rationale, summarizing the conclusion, any action taken to resolve the issue(s) raised in the grievance and your appeal and relief sought.</i>			
Response:	Frivolous		
<p>It is the determination of this Superintendent that the action and response provided by investigating staff will be upheld. I find the issues, raised at first-level appeal, were addressed appropriately and responsibly by staff at initial review.</p> <p>Intelligence Security Captain Trempus reviewed your information in your grievance concerning the GTL procedures and in his response to you, Captain Trempus fully explained to you all the factors that his denial was based on. He attached a copy of the memo with your grievance response for your use. Your phone calls are not being restricted; you can no longer just call collect. According to Captain Trempus, the phone system at SCI-Fayette was operating properly during the time of these calls and there is no reason within the phone system that the calls were not connected. I agree with Captain Trempus in stating that you are encouraged to use the system in place to make phone calls.</p> <p>Based upon the above information, your appeal is denied.</p>			
Signature:	Brian V. Coleman		
Title:	Facility Manager		
Date:	12-11-12		

cc: DC-15
File

DC-ADM 804, Inmate Grievance System Procedures Manual
Section 2 – Appeals
Issued: 12/1/2010
Effective: 12/8/2010

Attachment 2-B

Received 12-12-12

TO: Chief, Secretary's Office of Inmate
Grievances and Appeals
PA Department of Corrections
1920 Technology Parkway
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

December 20, 2012

FROM: Martin D. Smillie DM-5123
SCI-Fayette
P.O. Box 9999
Labelle, PA 15450-0999

RE: Final Appeal Grievance #433973

Dear Sir/Madam,

This grievance Appeal for final appeal is being filed in good faith, and for just cause. I am appealing the whole decision that Superintendent Brian V. Coleman, at SCI-Fayette made on December 11, 2012. I received his response on December 12, 2012.

This Grievance Appeal is about the Department of Corrections at SCI-Fayette blocking my father's phone from accepting collect calls. He says he finds the issues, raised at first-level appeal, were addressed appropriately and responsibly by staff at initial review. I disagree with this response the Superintendent Brian V. Coleman made. The staff at SCI-Fayette say these procedures are for collect calls only. Where does it say that my father Must call this GTL services to use the procedures when he does not deal with this company? How is this not restricting my father from accepting collect calls when its a recording from the Department of Corrections phone service GTL, not my father's phone company?

My father pays his phone bills without any interruptions with his long distance phone company. The staff say that I can still contact my family by purchasing a calling card through commissary which I am now being force into buying a phone card. The reason I call my father collect is because its cheaper for me to call him collect then it is to use a phone card. The Intelligence Security Captain states my phone calls are not being restricted; you can no longer just call collect. WHY can't I no longer call collect. Its because the Department of Corrections and GTL Phone services has a contract with each other so they can make money off every inmates families? This is a direct violation of my First Amendment Rights and my loved ones First Amendment Rights to be forced into a phone contract with a provided that my father does not use. See the following cases Arsberry v. Illinois, 244 F.3d 558 (7th Cir. 2001), Walton v. New York State Dept. of Correctional Services, 869 N.Y.S.2d 661, 57 A.D.3d 1180 (2008), and Byrd v. Goord, No. 00 Civ. 2135, 2005 US Dist LEXIS 18544 (S.D.N.Y. August 29, 2005).

;