

August 28, 2013

**Public Comment for the Wright Petition (CC Docket No. 96-128)**  
**\*\*\*Specific Comment on Revising Intrastate Call Rates\*\*\***

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

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FCC Mail Room

**From: Mr. Robert R. Hill [6-R]**  
**546940 / 1969669B**  
**PO BOX-861**  
**Trenton, NJ 08625-0861**

**Re: Public Comment for Wright Petition**  
**Docket No. 96-128. Specific Comment on**  
**Revising Rates for Intrastate Calls.**

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Greetings! Thank you so much for the Aug/9/13 FCC vote to cap rates for prisoners' telephone calls to 21¢/minute (Pre-paid) and 25¢/minute (Collect). This letter concerns the commission's request for public comment on revision of intrastate call rates. I understand that this letter will be made part of the public record in this case.

Thank you very much for championing this cause! I've previously sent comment concerning the overwhelming burden that the exorbitant cost of these calls places on my family & friends (copy attached) so I won't rehash that here.

The heart of the matter is that revision of the intrastate call rates is just as important as the interstate call rate caps. Please consider capping the rates for intrastate calls as low as possible; hopefully, half the cost of interstate calls.

The majority of calls made within this system are intrastate calls. Currently here at NJ State Prison-Trenton, both interstate

and intrastate calls cost 33¢/minute for collect calls (10% cheaper with pre-paid calls) but with taxes and fees the total is about 39¢/minute. My prison income is 60 per month, <sup>is</sup> not enough to allow me to call very often. My family, like most in America, is struggling just to pay their bills, let alone a large bill from Global Tel\*Link.

I'd like to also point out that my family and friends are forced to keep their "land-line" phone services, costing them about \$35 monthly, just to receive my calls. As you may know, virtually everyone except for our loved ones has stopped land-line use.

NJ-DOC has banned our ability to call cell phone numbers, citing specific contractual requirements as set forth by Global Tel\*Link; something or another about GTL's system parameters or requirements. This is an additional burden to my loved ones, because they otherwise would not have this extra monthly expense. I'm assuming the FCC is unaware of this requirement. Perhaps you may wish to address this as well?

In closing, I humbly beg for your intervention and support in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Hill", with a large, stylized flourish that loops back to the start of the signature.

Mr. Robert R. Hill

CC: NAACP,  
Trenton Incarcerated Veterans.

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Dear CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI

Hello my name is Michael A DAVIS writing in regards to the advertisement regarding the high cost of prison phones in which is costing our outside families hardships daily.

I would like to say for the prison system from personal experience on behalf of my family who have had to daily face the costly burdens of the money greeds of prison phone services in which is i believe a justified exstortion which is said to be ok under the law.

I also believe that unless those who are faced with these burden's speak up there cant be change to these issues.

This is just one issue that's being addressed that needs to be daily recognized in order for change to come about i also will say MY family has daily been faced with the burden of having to daily pay outrageous costs to be able to speak to there son being Michael DAVIS who is incarcerated inside the prison system.

These matters are in need of courageous men and woman who are victims of the money greed of our unjust prison system that is getting away with daily money exstortion.

Hope my letter helps further our progress of change. This letter is for documentation if later needed.

Please contact me at Corcoran state prison

CDC Number APE657 900 Quebec Ave

Corcoran CA 93212.

Sept. 2, 2013

Federal Communication Commission  
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Philip Sebolt #14682-424  
FBI Terre Haute (cno)  
Po Box 33  
Terre Haute, IN 47808

Re: Jobs on newly caped phone rates for those incarcerated.

To Whom it may Concern:

I've recently become aware that the FCC has voted to cap the cost of calls for those that are incarcerated in jails and prisons. I kindly ~~do~~ request for more information concerning this rule. Specifically, the new caped rates (interim & permanent), whether this rule includes the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and when this will take effect.

Thank you for voting to change the rules to prevent outrageous charges and connection fees and thank you for any info.

Sincerely,  
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I've been imprisoned for over 30-years and the exorbitant cost of using the prison's phone system to stay in contact with my family is nothing short of brutal. Letters leaving the prison take as much as two weeks to reach my relatives, and their letters often take twice as long to reach me. There is nothing more important to me, as well as most other prisoners, than staying in direct contact with my family while being imprisoned.

Faced with buying food for their families, and spending money on this system, my family members are quickly and surely pushing me away. I now get an answering machine when calling them, and I believe my loved ones are anxiously sitting nearby as the phone rings, feeling terrible for not answering due to the sure-to-be-ridiculous bill that will soon follow.

It's hard to believe that the cost of each phone call is

still about thirty-nine cent per minute (including taxes, etc.) when people that are not incarcerated are paying far less, at 3¢ to as little as 1¢ per minute. My prison income is not enough to allow me to call very often at all. My family, like most in America, is struggling just to pay their bills, let alone a large bill from this New Jersey State Prison's phone system provider, Global Tel\*Link.

In closing, I humbly beg for your intervention and support in this matter. My hope is that you will champion this effort to restructure the parameters under which this greedy telephone system profiteering ring is now operating, making it much more feasible for my family and I to communicate verbally.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Mr. Abd. Hagg*

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