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Mignon Clyburn, Acting Chairwoman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairwoman Clyburn,

As noted in my letter to Senator Patty Murray whom I have corresponded with for many years regarding the outrageous costs prisoners and their families pay for telephone calls, I was at first relieved and excited that your commission's ruling would bring some equity and fairness to this matter.

However, my elation was short-lived as the Washington Department of Corrections recently posted a new memo in response to our inquiries regarding the ruling. Apparently, the Washington Department of Corrections does not intend to honor the new rates.

Pursuant to the FOIA act I am requesting a copy of the FCC ruling and a copy of any application for, and waiver, issued to Washington State to be exempt from the ruling.

Would you please review this matter and advise me if I have misunderstood that Washington State is subject to the FCC ruling.

Sincerely, and all good wishes,



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cc: Senator Patty Murray
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The Everett Herald Sat. 8/10/13

FCC votes to slash prison phone rates

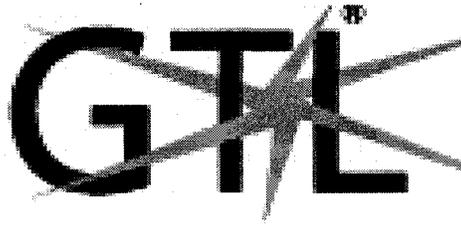
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WASHINGTON — A decade after families of prison inmates asked for action, the Federal Communications Commission agreed to limit how much companies can charge for phone calls made from behind bars.

The FCC voted 2-1 during an emotional meeting to cap interstate phone rates at 21 cents a minute for debit or prepaid calls and 25 cents

a minute for collect calls. Companies wanting to set higher rates would have to file a request for a waiver and could not charge more until that waiver was granted.

"For 10 years, the families and friends of inmates have been asking the FCC to ease the burden of an inmate calling rate structure. If their wait is finally over," said FCC acting chairwoman Mignon Clyburn, who took over the interim spot in May.



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NOTICE

This notice is being distributed to clarify frequent questions that are received from offenders and to highlight a recent change that occurred concerning the process for funding pre-paid accounts.

This information including GTL Customer Service contact numbers is continuously being shared with your friends and family utilizing the Departments "Family and Friends" internet site as well.

Call Rates:

- 20 minute in-state call: Collect Call: \$3.50 plus tax
Pre-Paid: \$3.15 plus tax
- Out of State call: \$3.50 connection fee / .50 a minute plus tax
There is no pre-paid discount for Out of State calls.

Funding a Pre-Paid account:

- Earlier this year Pre-Paid accounts were funded utilizing myvconnect.com. This site is no longer active. Pre-Paid accounts are now funded utilizing offenderconnect.com. Any funds that existed on myconnect.com automatically transferred to offenderconnect.com when the transfer occurred. "118" is still used to check account balances.
- Once a phone number is funded utilizing a Pre-Paid account that phone number will not be able to accept collect calls from offenders any longer.

Additional Information:

- If a premature cut-off occurs during an offender call to a cell phone no refund will be provided.
- To report that a telephone is out of order at your facility or any other issues regarding the phones call (local area code) 555-1212.

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September 10, 2013

Copy for FCC Chairwoman Clyburn

Senator ~~Patty Murray~~
United States Senate
154 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-4704

Dear Senator Murray,

After receiving your reply to my March, 2013 letter regarding the continued high cost of telephone calls for prisoners, I was enthused to read the enclosed article from the Saturday, August 10, 2013 Everett Herald.

Finally, I felt I would be able to afford a couple of long distance calls this upcoming holiday season. At 25 cents a minute I can afford the \$5 to \$7.50 the call would cost.

However, rather than see some confirmation that the Washington Department of Corrections would be abiding by the FCC ruling, the enclosed NOTICE was posted last Friday.

The continuing cost of a \$3.50 connection fee, \$.50 per minute, and additional taxes/surcharges far exceeds the limits set by the ruling.

My inquiries to the Washington Department of Corrections administrators have gone unanswered.

Would you please review this matter and advise me if I have misunderstood that Washington State is subject to the FCC ruling.

Sincerely, and all good wishes,



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TO: ACTING (FCC) COMMISSIONER
MR. MIGNON CLYBURN
445 12th ST
WASHINGTON, D.C 20554

RE: ACTING COMMISSIONER

OUR GROUP HERE AT CENTRAL MICHIGAN CORRECTIONAL FACILITY. LIKE TO KNOW HOW CAN WE CHALLENGE AND SEEK A REFUND. WERE LOOKING FOR A FOUNDATION. WHAT CAN YOU GIVE TO US TO HELP OTHER PRISONERS @ OTHER ADVOCACY GROUPS . HERE IN MICHIGAN PRISON.? WHAT CAN WE GIVE TO OUR FAMILIES THAT AFFECTED BY THE HIGH TELEPHONE RATES CHARGED. WE LIKE TO KNOW WHAT CAN WE ALL DO TO HELP SUPPORT THE CHALLENGE. THAT THE (FCC) BASED/TOOK ACTION TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE. SEE WE NEED SOME HELP, WE NEED YOU TO CLARIFY SOME GENERAL INFORMATION. CAN YOU PLEASE SEND US SOMETHING TO LET OUR GROUP KNOW HOW TO HANDLE THIS IN AN PROPER WAY. WE LIKE TOGET A SURE OUTCOME. WE NEED TO KNOW HOW FAR HERE IN MICHIGAN CAN WE CHALLENGE, AND GO BACK TO WHAT DATE. CAN THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATION COMMISSION, PLEASE HELP US HERE OR CAN YOU GUIDE US IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. WE NEED SOME SUFFICIENCY ADVISE OR HELP IN PURSUING SUPPORT.

WE LIKE TO THANK YOU , AND ANY OTHER SOURCE THAT YOU MAY HAVE FOR GIVING US ANY AND ALL SUPPORT/HELP WITH THIS SITUATION. WE EXTEND OUR PRAYER, RESPECT AND CONSIDERATION TOWARDS REFORMING RATES AND PRACTICES AFFECTING CALLS WITHIN OUR STATE. AND ANY AND ALL OTHER STATES.

SINCERELY
LEONARD LEWIS