

I just read the latest Verizon Wireless missive from August 2, 2014 and noted the following charges and taxes:

Taxes & surcharges billed are based on:

Monthly Regulatory Charge (subject to change from time to time) ..... 21?  
 per device  
 Monthly Administrative Charge (subject to change from time to time) ..... 88?  
 per device  
 Monthly Federal Universal Service Charge on interstate & international  
 telecom charges

..... 15.7% per device  
 (This percentage varies quarterly based on FCC rate)

Note:

Federal Universal Service, Regulatory and Administrative Charges are Verizon  
 Wireless charges, not taxes. Taxes and Verizon  
 Wireless surcharges may be between 12% to 29% of your monthly bill.

Please note that the Federal Universal Service, Regulatory and Administrative  
 Charges are Verizon Wireless charges, not taxes, which is running at 15.7% per  
 device. We have  
 have four (4) devices at \$40.00 monthly access fee per device and and extra device  
 at \$30.00 monthly access fee.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 expanded the traditional goal of universal  
 service to include increased access to both telecommunications and advanced services  
 ? such as high-speed Internet ? for all consumers at just, reasonable and affordable  
 rates.

Unfortunately, the fund, which is managed by the Federal Communications Commission,  
 costs about \$8 billion per year and is funded through charges on people's phone  
 bills. With an estimated 317 million Americans, these charges are exorbitant and  
 usurious. Please commence a thorough forensic audit of each and every program,  
 division, department, agency and any other associated subordinate administrative  
 function throughout the Universal Service Fund Program, in order to assure citizens  
 that their hard earned tax monies are being used consistent with local, State and  
 Federal Statutes, Laws, and Rules. There is also a strong need to eliminate,  
 consolidate and reduce all non-essential functions by initiating cost cutting budget  
 measures of 5, 10, 25, 50 and/or 75 %, starting at the highest levels of  
 administrative management and working downward to the local level, trying to keep  
 the day-to-day operational and logistical telecommunications delivery as much as  
 fiscally prudent. Please coordinate, collaborate and cooperate on Federal, State  
 and/or local jurisdictional levels in addressing these egregious concerns  
 potentially impacting adversely the public's telecommunications, finances, policies,  
 trust, confidence, and quality of life issues. Thank you for your time in this  
 matter and hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,  
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