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Florida Public Service Commission
Study on Fair Rates
Division of Records and Reporting
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Dear Sir:

I will be unable to attend your hearings on residential telecommunication rates, but I want to take this opportunity to complain about the excessive taxes that are imposed on my telephone bills. My bills for my house phone and cellular phone for the month of July totaled \$67.33 of which \$8.13 was taxes and surcharges. The charges went to:

Residence phone (Bell South, AT&T)

Emergency 911 (county charge)
Interstate toll access (FCC)
Telecom access system act surcharge (federal?)
Federal tax (local calls)
Florida gross receipts surcharge (local calls)
City tax (Cocoa Beach)
Franchise charge (Cocoa Beach)
Carrier line charge (AT&T)
Universal connectivity charge (AT&T?)
Federal tax (long distance)
Florida gross receipts surcharge (long distance)

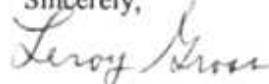
Cell Phone (Bell South)

Federal
State
Fla. gross receipts surcharge
City
Universal service charge

This is an absurd situation. Please help us consumers by reducing, eliminating or consolidating these charges.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Leroy Gross

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