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Gentlemen;

I wish to offer my opinion of the proposed study concerning the possible telephone rate increase by Bell South. If it is anything like the proposal made by our State Legislature recently, I earnestly hope you will start looking out for the citizens' interests.

My wife and I own over 650 shares of Bell South stock, and yes, we pay the Intangible Tax thereon. Our dividends amount to a fair amount quarterly, of which we are quite satisfied. If Bell South is falling short in income, then let them reduce the millions they pay their part-time Board of Directors, including the stock options they are handed.

If on the other hand, you are looking to double the cost to us peasons to push for competition, let's look at simple arithmetic 001. You allow B. So. to double the rates and John Bell comes in with a new company and charges a nickel a month less. So, B. So. drops their rates a nickel less than J. Bell. This continues until we're back at the charges we are now paying. So, what's the point?

I'm quite satisfied with the somewhat expensive Bell South rates and services. **If it ain't broken, don't fix it!**

Sincerely,



Robert K Alexander

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