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August 20, 1998

Study on Fair Rates (No. 980000A-SP)  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Gentlemen:

Thank you for requesting my comments on your telecommunications study. I Don't generally comment on these issues because I consider your efforts to already be upright and to my benefit, as well as other telephone customers. However, there is a new trend to charge a fee by the long distance carriers which would appear monthly on my phone bill.

We already pay monthly charges to our local company. Though, small, this new long distance carrier charge has an unlimited "upside" with a captive customer base.

We already pay \$3.50 per month for FCC charges of which the long distance carriers are claiming the FCC is the reason why they need to create this new billing stream.

I believe this opens a new venue of inquiry. Why do we already pay \$2000 per year to the FCC in the first place. Why does the FCC need billions of dollars from phone customers ?

Isn't it enough that the FCC already garners this outlandish sum as it is?

I'm for capitalism in a big way and I love the USA, but I believe that anytime cash money is paid, some product or service should be rendered. I can't see where the FCC provides phone customers with anything.

My suggestion is for some explanation from the FCC as to what service they actually supply to phone customers or to eliminate this hidden charge altogether.

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Again, thank you for your request for my comments.

Have a beautiful day.

Sincerely yours,

Al Schrader

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**Friday, September 4, 1998, 10:00 am-12:00 noon**

City Hall Annex Building  
The Chamber, 15th Floor  
220 East Bay Street  
Jacksonville, FL

**Tuesday, September 8, 1998, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm**

Pensacola Grand Hotel  
Ballroom B & C  
200 E. Gregory Street  
Pensacola, FL

**Wednesday, September 9, 1998, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm (CST)**

Orlando City Hall  
City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor  
400 S. Orange Avenue  
Orlando, FL

**Thursday, September 24, 1998, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm**

If you are unable to attend a public hearing, you may mail written comments to the FPSC at the following address:

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