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## **FCC COMMISSIONER SUSAN NESS CRITICIZES DECISION OF LONG-DISTANCE CARRIERS TO ASSESS HEFTY BILLING FEE ON CONSUMERS**

FCC Commissioner Susan Ness today stated, "I am dismayed that some long-distance carriers have begun to levy a substantial billing charge on consumers for having a combined local and long-distance bill. I am particularly troubled – as all consumers should be – by reports that some carriers did not notify consumers in advance so that consumers could have avoided these new charges. I urge the Commission, through its Enforcement Bureau, to investigate whether these line-item charges are consistent with our truth-in-billing rules, unreasonable, or unreasonably inflated."

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