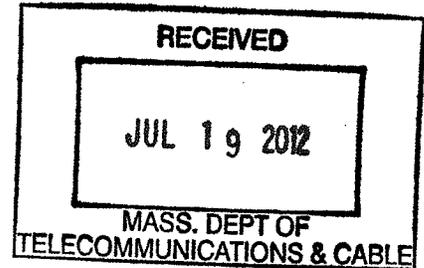


To: Department of Telecommunication and Cable

Fr: Nigel Vaughn, W90477

Re: High Phone Rates of GTL

Dated: 6/14/12



Dear Sir/Madam:

I am in complete agreement that prison phone rates needs to be lowered. The rates are too high for prisoners pay, who does have jobs. Our pay is usually aroung \$1.00 per day (if we have a job), and we are only allowed to spend three dollars and fifty cents of that per week. As a result, we are only able to make one (1) phone call per week to our family and friends, and "possibly" buy a bar of soap to shower with for the week.

Moreover, my daughter expresses to me all of the time that she would like to visit and speak with me more often. However, her mother being a single mother of four children on welfare, cannot afford to both put money on the phone for my daughter to speak with me, and pay the phone bill -- so that the service won't be disconnected and shut off. This would also effect the costs of transportation she has to pay for on a daily basis. She is forced to choose between the physical contact visit with her daughter and child's father once every other month, or a weekly phone call between the two.

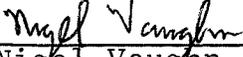
My daughter expresses to me that she is stressed out when she cannot, at the very least, speak to me. She needs the attention a child deserves from her father, and that is being curtailed by the lack of communication I have with her via the current phone system in place and its cost. And, although I am responsible for my incarceration, it is just sad that the prison phone rates contribute to the separation factor for prisoners and their children, and loved ones. My daughter is 10 years old and speaks of "not wanting to live" because she doesn't have her father in her life like she should. This is wrong because she shouldn't know what stress is at such a young age. Unfortunately, for my child, I only have the option of speaking to her **when it is affordable**. And, in her eyes, that translates into not having a father!

However, as a prisoner with a job, I have to work seven days a week in order to have one conversation with my daughter. I have been doing this for some years now trying to cope, under the circumsatnces. It would be greatly appreci-

ciated if only my weeks pay resulted in just one more call.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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