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To FPSC:

Since I am unable to attend a public hearing, I am writing my comment about telephone rates.

There seems to be a continue rise in surcharges and taxes on our phone bills. At this time the two combined is very close to being as much as the residential charge. People on fixed incomes are having a very hard time keeping up. There is very little increase in retirement pay. It's not like being employed and working overtime, two jobs or getting a raise so you can pay the bills that increase. It would be so helpful if increases in surcharges and taxes could be held down or even deleted. Wouldn't it be great if we did not NEED a telephone!

Thank you for listening.

Yours truly, A. C. Clark

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