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To Whom it May Concern;

I am writing to you with concerns about the rate increase for residential subscribers and patrons of South Central Rural Telephone Coop. I feel that the businesses should get the increase instead of us.

I was looking thru my files and came to the realization that in past 3 years that my phone bills have gone up \$30.00 in just this short period of time.

The worst part about it is that I haven't changed any of my services, not one thing. But yet again, we the residential patrons will suffer another increase that we have no control over.

There are many people who may not be able to afford these rate increases. I just don't understand why there is an increase for us and the businesses are getting a decrease. They are the ones who can afford the increase. Besides that, South Central Rural Telephone Coop is almost a monopoly even though it is a Coop. What other telephone services exist for us?

Our Coop has always been an icon in our area, but now with the rate increase, this kind of tarnishes the history of our Coop.

All of SCRTC's patrons have made this coop what it is today. I realize that the businesses are a big part too, but they can better afford the increase. I know of many people who live on a set income, some on Social Security Disability, others are on retirement from working many years. There are many farmers that still have to farm to make ends meet even though they are well up in years.

So if you could please rethink as to whom should get the rate increase and hopefully it will be the businesses and not left on the shoulders of us little people who struggle each month to just get by. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely, Julisam Reed