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Dear Sirs

I am against the request by Qwest Communications to deregulate local phone service.

I now pay \$26.08 per month for basic service which includes taxes.

I believe deregulation will bring increased rates.

Qwest's past performance and current criminal and fraud charges indicate they are a company that has to be regulated to protect the public.

Sincerely

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Comment_description: No to deregulation of basic traditional land-based phone service in this state or any other state for which Qwest provides this service.

Fraud charges filed against Qwest by the U.S. Attorney General and the SEC Chairman should be an indicator that this company has no credibility in its business dealings and the information it disseminates to the government and to the people which use its telecommunication system.

There exists the possibility with deregulation of basic phone service, that Qwest would increase local rates to people who won't subscribe to their long distance service, senior citizens, low income families and all people who have to access the internet via the phone line. Perhaps the large companies would be given lower rates because the forementioned senior citizens etc would, by having their phone rates increased, subsidize decreased phone rates for businesses and large companies.

The complaint by Qwest that cell phone technology has encroached on its client list is ridiculous. What Qwest's CEO is saying is that he doesn't want any competition and ultimately he is acknowledging that fiberoptic cables and copper lines will eventually become obsolete.

Deregulation is nothing more than authorization for Qwest, in the short term before obsolescence, to increase profits at the expense of those who can least afford the increase in phone rates.

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