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FCC to redefine services, deregulate phones in '82

United Press International
WASHINGTON — In a decision with wide-ranging implications for the consumer, the Federal Communications Commission will deregulate all computer services and all telephones in 1982.

The FCC voted 5-2 Monday to redefine all telecommunications services as either basic communications — that is, pure transmission services — or "enhanced" communications, which combines basic services with computer processing.

Basic services will remain reg-

ulated, but the FCC will no longer attempt to govern "enhanced" services after March 1, 1982.

The decision means that American Telephone and Telegraph Co. (AT&T) will no longer be able to consider the standard telephone as an integral part of its basic communications package.

In requiring AT&T and other telephone companies to separate the cost of their terminal equipment from the cost of service, the commission ordered that consumers be allowed to buy or lease their tele-

phones at a monthly rate no higher than what they currently pay.

The decision will make it easier for AT&T, General Telephone and Electronics Corp. and 1,500 smaller telephone companies regulated by the FCC to enter the fast-growing field of "communications" with innovative services and equipment that will vastly expand the options now available on the home telephone.

For example, AT&T may be able to provide a new service — and through its subsidiary, the equip-

ment to provide it — that would allow a customer to perform virtually any financial transaction around the world through his home terminal.

Many companies have been reluctant to enter the market because of uncertainty over whether the commission would regulate the service. But now they may jump in and compete with AT&T and GTE, which could lead to a reduction in prices of equipment.

Basic telecommunications services will continue to be provided as they are today.

Airfare magazine lists prices

United Press International
WASHINGTON — In the confusing world of discount air fares, a one-way coach ticket from Miami to San Francisco can cost anywhere from \$129 to \$338, depending on when you fly and when you buy the ticket.

The situation is so complex it has spawned a new magazine devoted to discount ticket prices. Changes occur so rapidly the magazine has to be published twice a month just to keep up with revised fares.

The first issue of Domestic FareSaver — 92 pages of computer-generated copy — came out in March.

Publisher Mark Winston says the magazine is aimed not so much at the casual once-a-year traveler as at the 15 million Americans who — for business, government or other purposes — fly often. Even so, infrequent travelers could theoretically recoup the subscription price, \$35 for six months, after one trip if they were tipped off to a cheap ticket.

In an interview, Winston said the magazine is also aimed at the nation's 15,000 travel agents. Eventually, he said, 8,000 to 10,000 public libraries around the country might buy it as a reference book for consumer use.

There are no street sales currently, he said, but the possibility exists that it could be placed on airport newsstands on a single copy basis.

Winston said the magazine is designed to be a "reference quality book," although it lists only "normal" discount fares, not such exotic arrangements as groups, charters and the like.

He said he tries to verify, before publication, that all routes listed are actually being served.

Winston said he has noticed two trends since he started to put the magazine together more than one year ago.

First, he said, "Fares are going to continue going up," partly because the cost of jet fuel is rising at a rate of one to two cents per gallon per week. In addition, the Civil Aeronautics Board in its congressionally ordered deregulation now allows many fare changes to occur with only one-day notice instead of weeks as in the past.

The second trend, Winston said, is availability of many discount fares "for the asking — no advance purch-

ase or minimum stay. And for those that do, the requirements are less and less and less."

As an example he cited some fares that began with a 30-day advance purchase requirement that has since been shortened to seven days.

He said competitive pressures still at work keep the possibility of bargains alive as airlines jump into new markets with fares designed to attract new customers.

For more information about the magazine, write FareSaver, Box 40944, Washington, D.C. 20016.

McDonnell manager indicted

United Press International
WASHINGTON — A sales manager for McDonnell Douglas Corp., already charged with conspiracy, Tuesday was indicted by a grand jury on charges he lied in sworn testimony during a probe of the company's alleged overseas payoffs.

A grand jury in Washington charged Sherman Pruitt Jr., sales manager of the giant aircraft manufacturer's largest subsidiary, Douglas Aircraft Corp., with two counts of

making false declarations under oath.

Pruitt was accused of lying in testimony to the panel on Dec. 14 and 15, 1977, about his knowledge of McDonnell's 1974 payment of \$1.2 million in "commissions" to Pakistani officials to help win contracts for sale of its wide-bodied jets.

Pruitt was among four top officers of the nation's largest defense contractor who were indicted Nov. 9, 1979, on charges they concealed

more than \$7 million in overseas payoffs. It marked the first time corporate officers had been indicted in an overseas payoffs case.

Sources said after the original indictment was returned, the Pakistani government — which has conducted its own investigation — provided evidence to U.S. prosecutors that helped lead to the new counts against Pruitt.

The original indictment alleged the payoffs included more than

\$100,000 to Afsar Husain, former planning director of the Pakistan airline, and said Pruitt held meetings with Husain.

The indictment returned Tuesday does not mention Husain. But it charges Pruitt lied to the grand jury when he was asked if he knew whether anyone other than three Pakistani sales agents received commissions and he responded, "I don't know the amounts or to whom."

Carter's action approved by families of hostages

United Press International
Families of the 50 Americans held hostage at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran say "it's about time" President Carter took some tough action, but others are warning the heightening of tensions may have been unwise.

Carter, reaching what one aide described as the limit of his patience, Monday severed all diplomatic relations with Iran and barred virtually all Iranians from future entry into the United States, banning all visas except in cases of humanitarian or medical need.

Carter gave the 35 remaining Iranian diplomats in America until midnight Tuesday to leave and the Iranian Embassy in Washington and consulates and facilities in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston and New York were sealed off.

The father of Marine Cpl. William Gallegos, Richard Gallegos of Pueblo, Colo., praised Carter's move saying, "It's about time. I think he should get a little tougher — anything short of military intervention."

Phillip Lewis of Homer, Ill., recommended the United States cut off food shipments to Iran and "let them starve." His son, Paul, 22, ar-

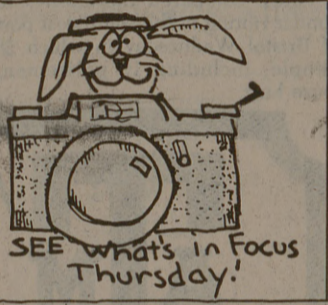
rived in Iran the day before the hostages were taken Nov. 4.

Virgil Sickmann, father of hostage Rodney "Rocky" Sickmann, was less enthusiastic. He said he believes Carter has been prolonging the situation to help his re-election campaign.

Some support for Carter's toughened stance came from an unusual quarter — a 20-year-old Iranian student at Kent State University, Mohammad Moyatar, a senior economics major, said Carter was left with no alternative.

"President Carter, in doing what he did, had no choice," said

Moyatar, who has been studying in the United States for the past five years. "He had to do something to get those people back. Let's face it — taking the hostages was wrong."



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