

# Spain's Telefonica considers charging Google

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(AP) -- Spanish telecoms operator Telefonica says it is considering charging Internet search companies like Google and Yahoo for network use.

Speaking Monday at a press conference in the northern city of Bilbao, President Cesar Alierta said companies like [Google](#) use a lot of network bandwidth for free, something which was lucky for them but not for Telefonica.

Alierta says his company, which operates in Spain and across [Latin America](#), provides the network, product sale, customer care, installation and maintenance to search engine companies that profit from using them.

He says things had to change. Telefonica spokesman Miguel Angel Garzon told The Associated Press on Monday the ideas expressed by Alierta were not new and had been talked about by many network service providers around the world.

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