California Public Utilities Commission Consumer Service and Information Division

Communications Industry

Consumer Contacts that Require Enhanced Processing Presented by Utility Company, Category and Subcategory March 2015

This report presents a subset of total consumer contacts reported in Table 1. This data represents consumer contacts that require enhanced processing for resolution of consumers' complaints. These cases are known as Informal Complaints (ICs) and are sent to the appropriate utility for investigation. The utility must respond to the CPUC and address the allegations of the complaint. The following table reports the ICs by utility company and the nature of the complaint by category and the more specific subcategory.

Table 2 - Communications Industry Contacts: The companies listed in the table are organized in alphabetical order. Companies' names in this list may not reflect the company name under which services are marketed to the consumer.

Utility Code	Utility Name	Category	Subcategory	Count
IEC5244	Affinity 4, Lifeline	Billing	Bill Adjustment	1
	Communications	Billing	Cramming	1
			Total ICs	2
CLC1001,	AT&T California	Billing	Slamming	3
LEC1001		Billing	Cramming	3
		Billing	Bill Adjustment	17
		Billing	Bill Not Received	1
		Billing	Bundled Services	1
		Billing	Disputed Customer of Record	2
		Billing	Early Termination Fee - ETF	2
		Billing	High Bill	12
		Billing	Late Payment Charge - LPC	1
		Billing	Other Charges	4
		Billing	Out of Service Credit - OOS	2
		Lifeline	LLB Application Request	17
		Lifeline	LLB Approved for Discount	11
		Lifeline	LLB Discount Switched to Other Carrier	6
		Lifeline	LLB New Phone Service Not LL Eligible	1
		Policy and Practices	Abusive Marketing	10
		Policy and Practices	Safety	2
		Service	Call Quality	8
		Service	Delayed Orders/Missed Appointments	8
		Service	Disconnected In Error	3
		Service	Disconnection Non Payment	1
		Service	Number Portability - Wireless or Landline	1
		Service	Outage	10
		Service	Refusal To Serve	1
			Total ICs	127

Utility Code	Utility Name	Category	Subcategory	Count
CLC5002,	AT&T Corp.	Billing	Cramming	2
CLC6346,		Billing	Bill Adjustment	2
IEC5002,		Billing	Disputed Customer of Record	1
IEC6346		Billing	High Bill	3
		Billing	Other Charges	1
		Service	Call Quality	2
			Total ICs	11
IEC5800	AT&T Long Distance	Billing	Cramming	1
		Billing	Payment Arrangements	1
			Total ICs	2
CEC3021,	AT&T Mobility	Billing	Cramming	2
CEC3014		Billing	Bill Adjustment	7
		Billing	Bill Not Received	1
		Billing	Early Termination Fee - ETF	2
		Billing	High Bill	6
		Billing	Other Charges	2
		Service	Call Quality	1
			Total ICs	21
CLC7118	Birch Communications	Billing	Slamming	2
		Billing	High Bill	 1
		Policy and Practices	Abusive Marketing	1
		Service	Call Quality	1
			Total ICs	5
CER4412	Budget Mobile; Budget Mobile	Lifeline	LLB Approved for Discount	1
CLK4412	LifeLine	Lifeline	LLB Discount Switched to Other Carrier	1
		Lifeline	LLB Federal Program/Equipment	6
		Policy and Practices	Abusive Marketing	1
		1 oney and 1 radioco	Total ICs	9
CLR5807	Call America	Billing	Slamming	1
OLIKO007	Can America	Billing	Total ICs	1
CLC6878,	Charter	Billing	Cramming	1
CLR6878,	onar to	Service	Call Quality	1
IEC6878		OCIVICO	Total ICs	2
	Clear Choice Communications;	Billing		
IEC5227		Billing	Slamming Bill Adjustment	<u>1</u> 1
IEC3221	Excel Communications; Matrix Business Technologies;	Dilling	Bill Adjustment	ı
	Trinsic Communications;			
	VarTec Telecom		T-1-110-	•
			Total ICs	2
CLC5698,	Comcast Digital Phone	Billing	High Bill NJ Internet Billing	1
IEC5698		Service	Number Portability - Wireless or Landline	1
		ĺ	Total ICs	2
CLR5425	Covista, Inc.	Billing	Slamming	1
CLR5425	Covista, Inc.	Billing	Bill Adjustment	1
CLR5425	Covista, Inc.		Bill Adjustment High Bill	
CLR5425	Covista, Inc.	Billing	Bill Adjustment High Bill Call Quality	1 1 1
CLR5425	Covista, Inc.	Billing Billing	Bill Adjustment High Bill	1
CLC5684,	Covista, Inc. Cox; Cox Communications;	Billing Billing	Bill Adjustment High Bill Call Quality	1 1 1
		Billing Billing Service	Bill Adjustment High Bill Call Quality Total ICs	1 1 1 4
CLC5684,	Cox; Cox Communications;	Billing Billing Service Billing	Bill Adjustment High Bill Call Quality Total ICs	1 1 1 4
CLC5684,	Cox; Cox Communications;	Billing Billing Service Billing Billing	Bill Adjustment High Bill Call Quality Total ICs Bill Adjustment High Bill	1 1 1 4
CLC5684,	Cox; Cox Communications;	Billing Billing Service Billing Billing Lifeline	Bill Adjustment High Bill Call Quality Total ICs Bill Adjustment High Bill LLB Application Request LLB Discount Switched to Other Carrier Abusive Marketing	1 1 1 4 2 2 1
CLC5684,	Cox; Cox Communications;	Billing Billing Service Billing Billing Lifeline Lifeline	Bill Adjustment High Bill Call Quality Total ICs Bill Adjustment High Bill LLB Application Request LLB Discount Switched to Other Carrier	1 1 1 4 2 2 2 1

Utility Code	Utility Name	Category	Subcategory	Count
CLC6610	CuraTel	Billing	High Bill	1
			Total ICs	1
CER4043	DNC Wireless	Billing	Slamming Total ICs	1 1
CLC7141	Empire Unified Communications	Billing	Slamming Total ICs	1 1
CLR6837	First Communications, LLC	Billing	Bill Adjustment Total ICs	1
IEC6676	FirstLink Communications	Billing	Slamming Total ICs	1 1
CLC5429,	Frontier Communications	Billing	Bill Adjustment	1
IEC5429		Billing	Late Payment Charge - LPC	1
		Service	Outage Total ICs	3
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LEC1026	Frontier Communications of the Southwest	Billing	Bill Adjustment Total ICs	1 1
CLC5941	Level 3 Communications, LLC	Policy and Practices	Abusive Marketing	1
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IER6532	Long Distance Consolidated	Billing	Cramming	1
ILIK0332	Long Distance Consolidated	Dilling	Total ICs	1
CEC3079	MetroPCS	Billing	Bill Adjustment	1
0203079	IMETOT GG	Service	Delayed Orders/Missed Appointments	1
			Total ICs	2
CLC6097	Peak Communications	Service	Delayed Orders/Missed Appointments Total ICs	1
CLC5502,	Preferred Long Distance, Inc.	Billing	Slamming	2
CLR5502,	_	Policy and Practices	Abusive Marketing	1
IEC5502			Total ICs	3
CER4387	ReachOut Wireless	Lifeline	LLB Approved for Discount	1
		Lifeline	LLB Federal Program/Equipment Total ICs	3 4
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CLC6585	Sage Telecom Communications, LLC	Lifeline	LLB Discount Switched to Other Carrier	11
			Total ICs	1
LEC1017	Siskiyou Telephone Company	Billing	Slamming	1
			Total ICs	1
CEC3062,	Sprint; Sprint PCS	Billing	Cramming	1
CER4332, CLC5122,		Billing Billing	Bill Adjustment Early Termination Fee - ETF	8
IEC5112,		Billing	High Bill	<u> </u>
PCC3062,		Billing	Other Charges	1
PCC3064,		Billing	Other Charges NJ Surcharges/Taxes	1
PCC3066		Lifeline Lifeline	LLB Address Error LLB Discount Switched to Other Carrier	<u> </u>
		Lifeline	LLB Federal Program/Equipment	26
		Policy and Practices	Abusive Marketing	1
			Total ICs	44

Utility Code	Utility Name	Category	Subcategory	Count
CLC1015,	Surewest Broadband;	Lifeline	LLB Application Request	1
LEC1015	Consolidated Communications		Total ICs	1
CLC5248,	Telepacific Communications	Billing	Slamming	1
CLC5246, CLC5721,		Billing	Bill Adjustment	1
CLC5859,		Dilling	Diii / tajaotinent	
CLR5721,				
IEC5248,				
IEC5859,				
CLR5721,				
IEC5248,				
IEC5859			Total ICs	2
CER4380,	Telscape Communications, Inc.;	Lifeline	LLB Discount Switched to Other Carrier	1
CLC6589	Surelink Mobile	Lifeline	LLB Approved for Discount	1
		Lifeline	LLB Federal Program/Equipment	3
			Total ICs	5
CLC6874,	Time Warner Cable	Billing	High Bill	1
CLR6874,	Time Warner Gable	Dilling	Tiigii Diii	
DVS1158,				
IEC6874,				
IER6874			Total ICs	1
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CEC3056	T-Mobile (Brightspot; Go-Smart	Billing	Bill Adjustment	2
	Mobile; Univision Mobile;	Billing	High Bill	1
	Walmart Family Mobile)	Billing	Other Charges	2
		Policy and Practices Service	Abusive Marketing Number Portability - Wireless or Landline	1
		Service	Total ICs	7
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CER4231	Tracfone Wireless (Net10; Page	Policy and Practices	Obscene/Threatening/Harassing Calls	1
	Plus Wireless; Simple Mobile;	Service	Delayed Orders/Missed Appointments	1
	Straight Talk; TelCel America)	Service	Disconnected In Error Total ICs	1
				3
CLC5253,	Verizon Access Transmission	Billing	Other Charges	1
IEC5253			Total ICs	1
CLC1002,	Verizon California, Inc.	Billing	Cramming	3
CER4439,		Billing	Bill Adjustment	8
LEC1002		Billing	Bill Not Received	1
		Billing	Bundled Services	2
		Billing	Disputed Customer of Record	2
		Billing	Early Termination Fee - ETF	1
		Billing	High Bill	2
		Billing	Other Charges	1
		Billing	Out of Service Credit - OOS	1
		Lifeline	LLB Application Request LLB Approved for Discount	3
		Lifeline Policy and Practices	Abusive Marketing	<u>4</u> 3
		Service	Outage	<u>5</u>
		Service	Refusal To Serve	2
			Total ICs	38
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Utility Code	Utility Name	Category	Subcategory	Count
CEC3002,	Verizon Wireless	Billing	Cramming	5
CEC3029,		Billing	Bill Adjustment	11
CEC3038		Billing	Bill Not Received	1
		Billing	Disputed Customer of Record	2
		Billing	High Bill	3
		Billing	Other Charges	3
		Policy and Practices	Abusive Marketing	3
		Service	Call Quality	1
		Service	Dead Zones/Dropped Calls	1
		Service	Delayed Orders/Missed Appointments	1
		Service	Number Portability - Wireless or Landline	1
			Total ICs	32
CER4327	Virgin Mobile; Assurance	Lifeline	LLB Address Error	1
	Wireless	Lifeline	LLB Application Request	1
		Lifeline	LLB Approved for Discount	4
		Lifeline	LLB Discount Switched to Other Carrier	7
		Lifeline	LLB Federal Program/Equipment	1
			Total ICs	14
CLC5553,	XO Communications Services	Billing	Early Termination Fee - ETF	1
IEC5553		Billing	High Bill	1
		Service	Number Portability - Wireless or Landline	2
			Total ICs	4
			Total ICs Sent 1	371

¹ Due to the carryover of cases received in previous months, there are slight differences between the total number of ICs sent to the utilities and the number of written contacts received in a month.