

FILE

4

O·S·L·E·C·A

Ohio Small Local
Exchange Carriers Association

1570 Fishing Road
Columbus, Ohio 43221
(614) 451-3864 • Fax (614) 457-9441

RECEIVED-DOCKETING DIV

2008 APR 29 PM 12:44

PUCO

May 1, 2008

Ms. Renee' Jenkins
Director, Office of Administration
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

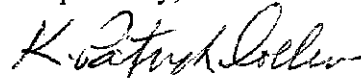
RE: PUCO 97-414-TP-UNC

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

Please docket this letter in the above captioned case as notice that OSLECA will withdraw from the Hardship Fund reimbursement in the amount of \$287,910.73 to the Champaign Telephone Company for costs associated with Phantom Traffic.

The OSLECA trustees have reviewed the above project and agree it comports with the pre-approved authority granted in the December 21, 2005 Entry in the above case.

Respectfully,



K. Patrick Collins
Secretary/Treasurer

Cc: PUCO Commissioners
Allen Francis
Jeff Jones
Lori Sternisha
OSLECA Trustees
Champaign Telephone Company

This is to certify that the images appearing are an accurate and complete reproduction of a case file document delivered in the regular course of business.
Technician Amr Date Processed 4/29/08

The Champaign Telephone Company

126 SCIOTO STREET
URBANA, OHIO 43078



MICHAEL W. CONRAD
PRESIDENT/GENERAL MANAGER
Phone: 937-653-2215
FAX 937-652-2777

April 3, 2008

Mr. K. Patrick Collins
OSLECA
1570 Fishinger Road
Columbus, OH 43221

Re: Request for OSLECA Funding

Dear Pat:

The Champaign Telephone Company seeks a withdrawal from the OSLECA Hardship Fund in the amount of \$287,910.73, which represents expenses associated with "phantom traffic" for which Champaign has received no intercarrier compensation.

Between November 2005 and March 17, 2006, Champaign noted a significant increase in the minutes of use generated by its Carrier Access Billing System ("CABS"). Champaign determined that the increased minutes were attributable to calls from its customers to a toll-free ISP telephone number. The limited data available allowed us to determine that the traffic had been labelled with a default CIC but has not enabled us to identify the parties from whom Champaign is entitled to compensation for originating this traffic. Because of the unidentifiable nature of these calls, and Champaign's inability to ascertain definitive responsibility for the access revenues due to Champaign, this traffic qualifies as phantom traffic.

Phantom traffic, such as that described here, disadvantages Champaign through no fault of its own. The Commission recognized the impact on small local exchange carriers like Champaign when it allowed the expenses associated with "phantom traffic" to be considered pre-approved for Hardship Fund disbursement.

Attached to this correspondence are the invoices supporting the request for \$287,910.73 from the OSLECA Hardship Fund. Given the magnitude of the loss in revenue created by this phantom traffic, Champaign seeks consideration of this request by the OSLECA trustees at their earliest convenience. I will be available to explain this request further but will, of course, abstain from the trustees' vote.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Conrad

cc: Trustees

RECEIVED-DOCKETING DIV
2008 APR 29 PM 12:44
PUCO

0594 - Champaign Telephone Company

BAN
Invoice
Company Code
Invoice Date
ACNA05940D0000
00013007
0594
May 1, 2006
---Switched Access Service
Feature Group DBilling Company:
CHAMPAIGN TELEPHONE COMPANY
126 SCIOTO ST
URBANA OH 43078Billing Inquiries Contact:
Melanie Cooksey (937) 653-2201 ext 218Addressed To:
TELEPHONE INDUSTRY SERVICES
AMERITECH
722 N BROADWAY 12TH FLOOR
MILWAUKEE WI 53202

Balance Due Information

Explanation	Amount
Previous Balance	\$ 287,910.73
Adjustments	
May 1 PAYMENT SBC CTZ BANK	689.58
Balance Forward	\$ 287,221.15

Detail Of Current Charges

Explanation	Amount
OHIO	
Usage Charges	
0594 - Champaign Telephone Company	
IntraState - IntraLATA	409.69
Total Usage Charges	\$ 409.69
Total Current Charges	\$ 409.69
Remit Payment To:	0594 - Champaign Telephone Company CHAMPAIGN TELEPHONE COMPANY 126 SCIOTO ST URBANA OH 43078
Total Due By 06/01/2006	\$ 287,630.84

P:112 G:000 S:00000

OSLECA

CERTIFICATION OF PRE-APPROVED PROJECT APPLICATION

The undersigned does certify the accuracy of the data submitted by the member company and that the application does comport with all the requirements in the December 21, 2005 ENTRY issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Company Champaign
Officer Michael Conrad
Date 4-12-08
Amount \$287,915.73
Pre-approved Project(s) Phantom Traffic

K. Patrick Collins
K. Patrick Collins, Secretary/Treasurer
Ohio Small Local Exchange Carriers Association