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FORMAL COMPLAINT FORM

RONALD YORK

(YOUR NAME)

AGAINST

AT&T AND
CINCINNATI BELL TELEPHONE

(THE COMPANY)

01-2208-TP-CSS

MY COMPLAINT IS: For over a year now we have been battling monthly with Cincinnati Bell Telephone and AT&T (our long distance provider). We have had "pornographic sex calls" billed to our home totaling over \$1,000 for which we did not place and did not give permission to anyone to place from our home. I had suggested that if they could provide me a "tape recording" of one or more of these calls, and I could identify the caller, then I would cooperate and tell them who it was that was talking (if I knew) and would direct them to that person. I have talked to AT&T on many occasions (customer service representatives) and explained that I am in dispute over these charges and it just keeps dragging out. On a monthly basis I have to call Cincinnati Bell and again reiterate to them that we are in dispute over these AT&T long distance charges in order to keep them from disconnecting my service. (This too is a pain in the neck!)

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(ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE ATTACHED)

My complaint will show that "a rule, tariff, rate, charge, or service, or practice affecting service of a public utility is unjust and unreasonable" and "that a public utility has provided inadequate service."

Ronald R. Yark

5288 Leona Drive

STREET ADDRESS

Cincinnati, OH 45238

CITY, STATE, & ZIP

(513) 451-8736

TELEPHONE NUMBER

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Formal Complaint Form

Ronald York

AGAINST

AT&T AND CINCINNATI BELL TELEPHONE

I have since written letters to both the PUCO as well as the Ohio Consumers' Counsel and have had several telephone calls from Mr. Paul Wade and a gentlemen from the Ohio Consumers' Counsel by the name of "Benjamin." They have both been quite helpful and I have even been told that the "international calls" need to have computer access in order to be completed ... please make a note of this ... we have not now or have never in the past had a computer in our home ... so, how could these calls have been placed from there?

What remedy are we seeking? We want AT&T to provide us with a tape recording of one or more of the actual calls in dispute so that we can verify it is someone from our home. At that point, we will be very cooperative in tracking down whomever it may be so that AT&T will receive their money due (or money they say they are due). If they cannot provide the necessary proof, then we want these calls removed from our bill; we want no further harrassment from the CBT Collection Agency; and we want this also removed from our credit report (as it now shows on our report).

Mr. Collins (the CBT Collection Agency representative), has recently informed me that Cincinnati Bell is now threatening to place a lien against my home. I also want this stopped.

We are honest people and when we say we never placed the calls in question, that is the truth ... we don't indulge in the type of behavior these calls represent and will not tolerate it from anyone. We would never give permission to anyone to place those type of calls in our home and, if you look further, we very rarely have long distance calls billed to our home.

Attachments: Ltr to AT&T (01/25/01)

Ltr to AT&T (04/02/01) Ltr from AT&T (04/16/01) Ltr to AT&T (05/23/01)

Notification from CBT Credit Services

Ltr to PUCO (05/24/01)

Ltr to Ohio Consumers' Counsel (05/24/01) Ltr to CBT Credit Services (06/07/01)

Ltr from PUCO (08/21/01)

Copies of disputed charges from (April & May, 2000)

January 25, 2001

AT&T P.O. Box 25691 Miami Lake, FL 33102

Re: Cincinnati Bell Telephone (513) 451-8736

Dear AT&T:

Please go back and look at our telephone bills from April and May 2000. You are going to find many, many long distance calls (which we have spoken to both AT&T and Cincinnati Bell about on several occasions since). The only thing we have been able to find out is that they were calls "supposedly" placed from our home to "Adult Entertainment Lines." I have tried to assure you every single time we have called you that we did not make those calls. These long distance calls total over \$1,200! Cincinnati Bell said they had checked our lines and found no problem (however, nobody has ever come to our home to "check the lines").

Every month we have to call and explain again, over and over, that we are in dispute with this past due amount. Here's my suggestion ... if you can provide me with actual proof the calls were placed from our home, we will get the responsible person and/or tell you how to find them and collect! However, we do want some type of "actual proof" be it a taped conversation (as I am told that the adult entertainment lines actually record their conversations) or whatever you have to provide us, but until then, we remain "in dispute" over these outrageous fees.

We have put a "block" on long distance calls, as well as incoming "collect" calls since this has happened and eventually we would like to have that removed. However, we refuse to pay for calls that we know we did not make and are not responsible for! We would certainly appreciate your help in getting this matter resolved

P-L-E-A-S-E see what you can do this does not look good on our record!

Sincerely.

Konald York

April 2, 2001

AT&T P.O. Box 25691 Miami Lake, FL 33102

Re: Cincinnati Bell Telephone (513) 451-8736

Dear AT&T:

Please see the attached copy of my letter dated January 25, 2001 in which we are trying to resolve the past telephone issues with AT&T. To date, April 2, 2001, we have had no response from you and, of course, the issue remains unresolved.

We would appreciate your quick response to this follow-up letter.

Sincerely,

Ronald York

Enc (Ltr Dated 01/25/01)



4/16/01

Account Id: 354853

Ronald York

5288 Leona D R

Cincinnati, Ohio 45238

Dear Ronald York

In reply to your letter, we reviewed your account and in order to process your request, we will need additional information to expedite matters in a timely fashion. Here are a list of items required. Please ensure that the following information is included with your correspondence.

- * Name
- * Address
- * Phone Number
- * Copy of Your Entire Bill Showing Call(s) in Question
- * Name and Address of your Local Telephone Company
- * Letter stating your request

Mail Your Information to:

AT&T Customer Correspondence Post Office Box 25691 Miami, Florida 33102

You are a valued customer. Thank you for choosing AT&T services. Very truly yours,

Charles E. Moore
Customer Representative

May 23, 2001

Mr. Charles E. Moore AT&T Customer Correspondence P.O. Box 25691 Miami FL 33102

Re: Account ID #354853

Dear Mr. Moore:

Thank you for finally responding to our inquiries about our long distance calls. It took some time to get the copies I needed from Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company (our local telephone company). Their address is P.O. Box 2301, Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-2301. I am providing all information you requested, herein. Can you please expedite this request as quickly as possible, as AT&T has now turned this over to a collection agency (since I last wrote to them complaining about not hearing from them).

Enclosed you will find, of course, our name, address, and telephone number; copies of bills with telephone calls in question; name and address of local telephone company; and copies of our original requests for help from your company. Your immediate response would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ronald York (513) 451-8736

Enc

Suite 601 644 Linn Street Cincinnati, OH 45203-1720



Telephone: 513/721-5600 Toll Free: 800/845-0119

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3029914-CIN-3000 0006 0000 Ronald York 5288 Leona Dr Cincinnati, OH 45238-3728 Account #: 3029914 Total Due: \$1026.23

Owed to: Cincinnati Bell Live/Final W/0

Client Account #: 513 451 8736 562

Your account has been listed with our office for collection by the referenced client. If paid in full to this office, all collection activity will be stopped.

This debt may remain open on your credit report for up to seven years. For your convenience we can arrange for automatic deductions from your checking account. Please feel free to call us if you wish to discuss this matter.

This communication is from a debt collector. This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Unless you notify this office within 30 days after receiving this notice that you dispute the validity of the debt or any portion thereof, this office will assume this debt is valid. If you notify this office in writing within 30 days from receipt of this notice, this office will: obtain verification of the debt or obtain a copy of a judgment and mail you a copy of such judgment or verification. If you request of this office within 30 days after receiving this notice, this office will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor.

19-TACH AND RETURN WITH PAYMENT

MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO "CBT CREDIT SERVICES"

MAY 14 2001

Cincinnati Bell Live/Final W/0 Total Due: \$1026.23

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o44 Linn Street
Cincinnati, OH 45203-1720

May 24, 2001

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Public Interest Center 180 E. Broad Street Columbus, OH 43266-0573

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Sincerely, Constant of the Ronald York

(513) 451-8736

May 24, 2001

Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel 77 South High Street, 15th Floor Columbus, OH 43266-0550

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Sincerely.

Nonald York

(513) 451-8736

June 7, 2001

5288 Leona Drive Cincinnati, OH 45238

CBT Credit Services Suite 601 644 Linn Street Cincinnati, OH 45203-1720

Re: Account #3029914 - Owed to Cincinnati Bell Live/Final W/O

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised we are in dispute with AT&T over the above mentioned account and have done all necessary to resolve ... we're waiting on response from AT&T ... these charges are for AT&T Long Distance and not Cincinnati Bell Telephone.

Sincerely,

Ronald York



The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Bob Taft, Governor Alan R. Schriber, Chairman

Commissioners Ronda Hartman Fergus Judy A. Jones Donald L. Mason Clarence D. Rogers, Jr.

August 21, 2001

Ronald York 5288 Leona Dr. Cincinnati, OH 45238

Dear Mr. York:

Thank you for contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) regarding AT&T Communications. The PUCO welcomes the opportunity to assist Ohio's citizens with their utility concerns.

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your most recent correspondence to me regarding your informal complaint with AT&T Communications. In this correspondence you requested information about the next step in the complaint procedures. I have enclosed literature that covers the specific steps involved in this process.

Further, as we discussed in our telephone conversation on August 15, 2001, I have reviewed the specific issues related to your case as they pertain to other, similar cases, processed by the PUCO over the past year. In this review I have confirmed with other staff that there were many similar AT&T cases, involving some of the same international calling locations and numbers pertaining to Adult Entertainment. Other PUCO staff informed me, that during visits by AT&T representatives to our offices, they confirmed connection/billing problems in many of these cases where AT&T could not substantiate sources of these calls. In many of these instances AT&T did issue credits.

I hope this information has addressed your concern. If you have any questions, please call our PUCO hotline at 1-800-686-7826 (PUCO).

Sincerely,

Utilities Department

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For Billing Questions Monday-Friday 7:30am - 7:00pm Call 565-2210 Saturday 7:30am - 1:00pm

NONPAYMENT OF LONG DISTANCE SERVICES MAY RESULT IN DISCONNECTION OR RESTRICTION OF THESE SERVICES AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO COLLECTION ACTIONS.

AT&T Summary of Current Charges

Bill Section	Calls	Minutes	Amount
Direct Dialed Calls	27	292	665.33
Operator-Assisted Calls	1	13	7.18
National access contribution			58.86
Taxes and surcharges			65.85
Total AT&T Summary of Current Charges	28	305	797.22

AT&T Messages

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Sughesing with your Agrit Int, this charge will change from a flat monthly fee of \$1.36 to about \$2.60 of your state-to-state and international long distance charges as well as any service charges. ATET is making this change in the emissions with the approach adopted by all other region carriers with the industry. For more information call 1800 \$22-2021 or access our walking www.att.com/connectivity_charge.

Charges

AT&T Direct Dialed Calls

Domestic Calls

Date	Time	Place and N	lumbe	er Ca	alled	Type _	Rate	Minutes	<u>A</u> mount
1.Mar09	04:25pm	SEVIERVL	TN	865	428-7239	Direct	Day	17	4.42
2.Mar10	03:52pm	NEW YORK	NY	212	741-7399	Direct	Day	2	0.52
3.Mar13	09:31pm	DEMING	WA	360	592-5061	Direct	Eve	3	0.48
4.Mar14	05:27pm	INDIANAPLS	IN	317	381-9384	Direct	Day	2	0.52
5.Mar17	05:29pm	CLEVELAND	TN	423	614-0390	Direct	Day	2	0.52
6.Mar25	10:34am	MILAN	IN	812	654-2282	Direct	N/Wknd	4	0.46
7.Mar27	06:28pm	DEMOPOLIS	AL	334	289-8445	Direct	Day	25	6.50
8.Mar29	01:58pm	NEW YORK	NY	212	741-1202	Direct	Day	1	0.26
9.Mar29	01:59pm	AGOURA HLS	CA	818	991-2500	Direct	Day	1	0.26
10.Mar29	02:00pm	AGOURA HLS	ÇA	818	991-2500	Direct	Day	1	0.26
11.Mar29	02:01pm	NEW YORK	NY	212	741-1202	Direct	Day	1	0.26
		NO HOLLYWD	CA	818	754-6400	Direct	Day	1	0.26
Domestic	Calls								14.72

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International Calls

Date	Time	Place and	Numbe	r C	alled	Type	Rate	Minutes	Amount
13.Mar09	05:21pm	ST GEORGES	GN	473	468-0010	Direct	Stnd	11	26.29
14.Mar09	05:33pm	ST GEORGES	GN	473	468-0012	Direct	Stnd	2	4.78
15.Mar09	05:34pm	ST GEORGES	GN	473	468-0012	Direct	Stnd	24	57.36
16.Mar09	06:01pm	ST JOHNS	AN	268	404-7727	Direct	Stnd	1	2.17
17.Mar09	06:02pm	ROSEAU	DM	767	446-9341	Direct	Stnd	16	37.76
18.Mar10	03:46pm	ROSEAU	DM	767	446-9355	Direct	Stnd	3	7.08
19.Mar10	04:14pm	ROSEAU	DM	767	447-9292	Direct	Stnd	В	18.88
20.Mar10	04:21pm	ST GEORGES	GN	473	328~2465	Direct	Stnd	3	7.17
21.Mar10	04:47pm	ST GEORGES	GN	473	468-0010	Direct	Stnd	2	4.78
22.Mar12	11:37am	WASHINGTON	JM	876	872-4844	Direct	Stnd	23	53.59
23.Mar14	02:06pm	PLYMOUTH	RT	664	492-4111	Direct	Stnd	60	139.20
24.Mar15	12:36pm	PLYMOUTH	RT	664	492-3825	Direct	Stnd	52	120.64
25.Mar29	01:55pm	WASHINGTON	JM	876	872-4844	Direct	Stnd	2	4.66
26.Mar29	02:07pm	VANUATU		067	873~0400	Direct	Stnd	12	79.80
27.Apr03	10:46am	VANUATU		067	873-0400	Direct	Stnd	13	86.45
Internati	onal Cal	.ls							650.61
Total AT&T D	irect Di	aled Calls							665.33

AT&T Operator Assisted Calls

Domestic Calls

	Date	Time	Place and	Numbe	er Ça	alled	Type	Rate	Minutes	Amount	
	28.Mar10	03:50pm	DAYTON	OH	937	604-5033	3rdPer	Day	13	7.18	
	Calle	d From	CINCINNAT	I OH	513	559-4201					
	Domestic	Calls								7.18	
To	tal AT&T	Operator	Assisted (Calls						7.18	

National access contribution

Description	Amount
29.Universal Connectivity Charge	57.35
30.Carrier Line Charge	1.51
Total national access contribution	58.86
For an explanation of these charges, please call 1 800 532-2021	

Taxes and surcharges

Description	Amount
Federal Tax @ 3%	21.95
State and Local Taxes	43.90
Total taxes and surcharges	65.85

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THIS MONTH - DETAIL

Charges Billed for: MCIWORLDCOMsw

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Itemized Calls

For 513 451-8736

Date MAR 22	Time 821P FR	Place CAMPTON	KY	 a-Number 668-6338	* Es	Min 1	Amount 2.35	Item	Number 9A-01
*-Rate Co									

TOTAL FOR 513 451-8736 2.35

Itemized Calls Subtotal 2.35

FOR QUESTIONS OR BILLING INFORMATION ON MCIWORLDCOM CALLS, PLEASE CALL 565-2210.

Total Itemized Calls (excl tax) 2.35

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AT&T Summary of Current Charges

Bill Section	Calls	Minutes	Amount
Direct Dialed Calls	10	74	218.78
National access contribution			20.45
Taxes and surcharges			21.56
Total AT&T Summary of Current Charges	10	74	260.79

AT&T Messages

Need to osake a calling card call? Stal 1 (1900) CALL-ATT barbaid of zore and you'll always get through to ATCT. Use 1 (1900) CALL-ATT for all your calling card calls, even local.

Charges

AT&T Direct Dialed Calls

Domestic Calls

Date	Time	Place and	Number C	alled	Туре	Rate	Minutes	Amount	
 1.Apr04	10:47pm	DEMOPOLIS	AL 334	289-8445	Direct	Eve	10	1.60	
2.Apr04	10:58pm	DEMOPOLIS	AL 334	289-8445	Direct	Eve	14	2.24	
Domestic	Calls							3.84	

International Calls

Date	Time	Place and :	Numbe	er Ca	alled	Type	Rate	Minutes	Amount	
3.Apr06	08:17am	HAITI		050	929-0001	Direct	Stnd	5	12.90	_
4.Apr06	08:21am	VANUATU		067	873-1110	Direct	Econ	12	66.84	
5.Apr06	01:49pm	HAITI		050	929-0003	Direct	Stnd	5	12.90	
6.Apr06	01:54pm	UTAUNAV		067	872-0040	Direct	Stnd	3	19.95	
7.Apr06	02:00pm	VANUATU		067	872-0010	Direct	Stnd	1	6.65	
8.Apr07	01:10pm	VANUATU		067	872-0010	Direct	Stnd	1	6.65	
9.Apr07	01:11pm	ST GEORGES	GN	473	468-0012	Direct	Stnd	15	35.85	
10.Apr07	01:25pm	VANUATU		067	877-9430	Direct	Stnd	8	53.20	
Internat	ional Cal	ils							214.94	
Total AT&T I	Direct Di	aled Calls							218.78	

National access contribution

Description	Amount
11.Universal Connectivity Charge	18.94
12.Carrier Line Charge	1.51

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Description

Total national access contribution

Amount

20.45

For an explanation of these charges, please call 1 800 532-2021.

Taxes and surcharges

Description	Amount
Federal Tax @ 3%	7.19
State and Local Taxes	14.37
Total taxes and surcharges	21.56