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Annual § 64.2009(e) CPNI Certification for 2017

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Company: Inland Telephone Company

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Title of Signatory: Treasurer/Controller

I, James K. Brooks, certify that I am a duly authorized officer of Inland Telephone Company ("Inland" hereafter) and, acting as an agent of Inland, that I have personal knowledge that Inland has established operating procedures that are adequate to ensure compliance with the Customer Proprietary Network Information ("CPNI") rules of the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission"), codified at 47 C.F.R. Part 64 Subpart U, implementing Section 222 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Accompanying this certification is a statement explaining how Inland's procedures ensure that the company is in compliance with the requirements set forth in section 64.2001 et seq. of the Commission's rules.

Inland has not taken any actions (proceedings instituted or petitions filed by Inland at either state commissions, the court system, or at the Commission against data brokers) against data brokers in the past year. During the calendar year ended December 31, 2017, Inland did not acquire first-hand any information that it has identified as being information with respect to the processes pretexters are using to attempt to access CPNI.

Inland has not received any customer complaints in the past year concerning the unauthorized release of CPNI.


James K. Brooks
Treasurer/Controller

**STATEMENT REGARDING OPERATING PROCEDURES
IMPLEMENTING 47 C.F.R. PART 64 SUBPART U
GOVERNING USE OF
CUSTOMER PROPRIETARY NETWORK INFORMATION (CPNI)
MARCH 1, 2018**

The following statement explains how the operating procedures of Inland Telephone Company (“Inland” or “Company”) ensure that it is in compliance with the Commission’s CPNI rules, as codified at 47 C.F.R. Part 64 Subpart U (§§ 64.2001-64.2011) and is relevant to calendar year 2017. Except as otherwise indicated, the following applies with respect to the Commission’s rules in effect both before and after the December 8, 2007 effective date of the Commission’s April 2, 2007 Report and Order in CC Docket No. 96-115. *See* FCC 07-22 (rel. Apr. 2, 2007); Public Notice, DA 07-4915 (rel. Dec. 6, 2007). This statement covers calendar year 2017.

I. Use of customer proprietary network information without customer approval.

A. Inland may use, disclose, or permit access to CPNI for the purpose of providing or marketing service offerings among the categories of service to which the customer already subscribes from Inland, without customer approval.

B. Inland may not use, disclose, or permit access to CPNI to market to a customer, service offerings that are within a category of service to which the subscriber does not already subscribe from Inland, unless Inland has customer approval to do so, except as described in Section I.C.

(1) Inland may use, disclose or permit access to CPNI derived from their provision of local exchange service or interexchange service, without customer approval, for the provision of CPE and information services, such as call answering, voice mail or messaging, voice storage and retrieval services, and fax storage and retrieval services.

(2) Inland may not use, disclose or permit access to CPNI to identify or track customers that call competing service providers except for CPNI made available to other telecommunications carriers pursuant to tariffed or detariffed billing and collection arrangements and billing and collection services provided pursuant thereto. The Company does not sell CPNI to any third-party for any purpose.

C. Inland may use, disclose, or permit access to CPNI, without customer approval, as follows:

(1) Inland may use, disclose, or permit access to CPNI, in its provision of inside wire installation, maintenance, and repair services.

(2) Inland may use CPNI to market services formerly known as adjunct-to-basic services, such as, but not limited to, speed dialing, computer-provided directory

assistance, call monitoring, call tracing, call blocking, call return, repeat dialing, call tracking, call waiting, caller I.D., call forwarding, and certain Centrex features.

D. Inland may use, disclose, or permit access to CPNI to protect Inland's rights or property; to protect its users and other carriers from fraudulent, abusive, or unlawful use of, or subscription to, Inland's services; and to render, provision, bill or collect for services.

Inland provides local exchange telephone service and access to long distance service providers in six exchanges in the states of Idaho and Washington. Inland's operating procedures comply with the above requirements and include, but are not limited to, the provisions described below. The Company does not engage in any outbound telemarketing. Outbound print marketing, if any, that may be distributed by the Company by mail is addressed to all subscribers or customers within the applicable geographic area, zip code(s) and/or telephone number prefix(es), without regard to the specific services that the subscriber or customer receives, or does not receive, from the Company and/or the Company's affiliates. Under Company policy, none of the Company's affiliates is permitted to use any CPNI of the Company for any outbound telemarketing or outbound print marketing.

Moreover, the Company does not use any CPNI for any inbound marketing of services that are not within a category of service (i.e., local and interexchange) to which the customer already subscribes from the Company and/or one or more of the Company's affiliates. The Company does not sell, or provide access to any third party to, any of the Company's CPNI for purposes of marketing the services of the Company or of any of its affiliates, other than as permitted without prior customer approval with respect to the Company's affiliates. Except for CPNI made available to other telecommunications carriers pursuant to tariffed or detariffed billing and collection arrangements and billing and collection services provided pursuant thereto, and pursuant to Commission-mandated carrier change procedures, the Company does not provide CPNI to any third-party for any purpose.

The Company, its employees and agents may make such other uses and disclosures of, and permit access to, CPNI without customer approval as are permitted by applicable statute, rule, regulation or order. Such uses, disclosures or access may include those authorized by Sections 222(c) and (d) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, by Section 64.2005 of the Commission's rules and by orders of the Commission.

Except as set forth above, the Company does not provide any CPNI to any governmental entity, or to any other third party, other than: pursuant to subpoena or other lawful process or with the subscriber's prior written consent, or in accordance with the authentication and other requirement described at Section IV below and in the FCC's rules, as a result of a person representing himself or herself to be the subscriber (or the subscriber's duly authorized agent) and having confirmed his or her identity or authority by providing to the Company appropriate identifying information (such as Social Security Number, driver's license number, mother's maiden name, user name or password, as appropriate or otherwise required).

II. Approval required for use of customer proprietary network information.

A. Inland may obtain customer approval through written, oral or electronic methods.

(1) Inland does not seek or obtain oral approval, and therefore does not bear the burden of demonstrating that such approval has been given in compliance with the FCC's rules.

(2) A customer's approval or disapproval obtained by Inland to use, disclose, or permit access to the customer's CPNI, the use of CPNI outside of the customer's total service relationship with Inland must remain in effect until the customer revokes or limits such approval or disapproval.

(3) Inland must maintain records of notification and approval, whether oral, written or electronic, for at least one year.

B. Use of Opt-Out and Opt-In Approval Processes.

(1) Except where use, disclosure, or access to CPNI is otherwise permitted without prior customer approval (as described above), Inland only uses, discloses or permits access to CPNI upon opt-out or opt-in approval, consistent with Section 64.2007 of the Commission's rules and, by December 8, 2007, with the Commission's amended rules. Inland's process is described in Section II.A above.

(2) Except for use and disclosure of CPNI that is permitted without customer approval under Section I, or that is described Section II.B, or as otherwise provided in section 222 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, Inland may only use, disclose, or permit access to its customer's individually identifiable CPNI subject to opt-in approval.

The Company currently does not use CPNI in a manner that requires prior customer approval. Should Inland's policy change, however, Inland shall implement the foregoing policies to ensure the FCC's rules are complied with.

III. Notice required for use of customer proprietary network information.

A. Notification, Generally.

(1) Prior to any solicitation for customer approval, Inland must provide notification to the customer of the customer's right to restrict use of, disclosure of, and access to that customer's CPNI.

(2) Inland must maintain records of notification, whether oral, written or electronic, for at least one year.

B. Individual notice to customers must be provided when soliciting approval to use, disclose, or permit access to customers' CPNI.

C. Content of Notice.

Customer notification must provide sufficient information to enable the customer to make an informed decision as to whether to permit Inland to use, disclose, or permit access to, the customer's CPNI.

(1) The notification must state that the customer has a right, and Inland has a duty, under federal law, to protect the confidentiality of CPNI.

(2) The notification must specify the types of information that constitute CPNI and the specific entities that will receive the CPNI, describe the purposes for which CPNI will be used, and inform the customer of his or her right to disapprove those uses, and deny or withdraw access to CPNI at any time.

(3) The notification must advise the customer of the precise steps the customer must take in order to grant or deny access to CPNI, and must clearly state that a denial of approval will not affect the provision of any services to which the customer subscribes. However, Inland may provide a brief statement, in clear and neutral language, describing consequences directly resulting from the lack of access to CPNI.

(4) The notification must be comprehensible and must not be misleading.

(5) If written notification is provided, the notice must be clearly legible, use sufficiently large type, and be placed in an area so as to be readily apparent to a customer.

(6) If any portion of a notification is translated into another language, then all portions of the notification must be translated into that language.

(7) Inland may state in the notification that the customer's approval to use CPNI may enhance Inland's ability to offer products and services tailored to the customer's needs. Inland also may state in the notification that it may be compelled to disclose CPNI to any person upon affirmative written request by the customer.

(8) Inland may not include in the notification any statement attempting to encourage a customer to freeze third-party access to CPNI.

(9) The notification must state that any approval or denial of approval for the use of CPNI outside of the service to which the customer already subscribes from Inland is valid until the customer affirmatively revokes or limits such approval or denial.

(10) Inland's solicitation for approval must be proximate to the notification of a customer's CPNI rights.

D. Notice Requirements Specific to Opt-Out.

Inland must provide notification to obtain opt-out approval through electronic or written methods, but not by oral communication (except as provided in paragraph F of this section). The

contents of any such notification must comply with the requirements of paragraph C of this section.

(1) Inland must wait a 30-day minimum period of time after giving customers notice and an opportunity to opt-out before assuming customer approval to use, disclose, or permit access to CPNI. Inland may, in its discretion, provide for a longer period. Inland must notify customers as to the applicable waiting period for a response before approval is assumed.

(i) In the case of an electronic form of notification, the waiting period shall begin to run from the date on which the notification was sent; and

(ii) In the case of notification by mail, the waiting period shall begin to run on the third day following the date that the notification was mailed.

(2) Insofar as Inland is using the opt-out mechanism, it must provide a Notice to its customers every two years.

(3) If Inland uses e-mail to provide opt-out notices, it must comply with the following requirements in addition to the requirements generally applicable to notification:

(i) Inland must obtain express, verifiable, prior approval from consumers to send notices via e-mail regarding its service in general, or CPNI in particular;

(ii) Inland must allow customers to reply directly to e-mails containing CPNI notices in order to opt-out;

(iii) Opt-out e-mail notices that are returned to Inland as undeliverable must be sent to the customer in another form before Inland may consider the customer to have received notice;

(iv) Inland must ensure that the subject line of the message clearly and accurately identifies the subject matter of the e-mail; and

(v) Inland must make available to every customer a method to opt-out that is of no additional cost to the customer and that is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Inland may satisfy this requirement through a combination of methods, so long as all customers have the ability to opt-out at no cost and are able to effectuate that choice whenever they choose.

E. Notice Requirements Specific to Opt-In.

Inland may provide notification to obtain opt-in approval through oral, written, or electronic methods. The contents of any such notification must comply with the requirements of paragraph C of this section.

F. Notice Requirements Specific to One-Time Use of CPNI.

(1) Inland may use oral notice to obtain limited, one-time use of CPNI for inbound and outbound customer telephone contacts for the duration of the call, regardless of whether Inland uses opt-out or opt-in approval based on the nature of the contact.

(2) The contents of any such notification must comply with the requirements of paragraph C of this section, except that Inland may omit any of the following notice provisions if not relevant to the limited use for which Inland seeks CPNI:

(i) Inland need not advise customers that if they have opted-out previously, no action is needed to maintain the opt-out election;

(ii) Inland need not advise customers that they may share CPNI with their affiliates or third parties and need not name those entities, if the limited CPNI usage will not result in use by, or disclosure to, an affiliate or third party;

(iii) Inland need not disclose the means by which a customer can deny or withdraw future access to CPNI, so long as Inland explains to customers that the scope of the approval Inland seeks is limited to one-time use; and

(iv) Inland may omit disclosure of the precise steps a customer must take in order to grant or deny access to CPNI, as long as Inland clearly communicates that the customer can deny access to his CPNI for the call.

The Company currently does not use CPNI in a manner that requires prior customer approval. Should Inland's policy change, however, Inland shall implement the foregoing policies to ensure the FCC's rules are complied with.

IV. Safeguards required for use and disclosure of customer proprietary network information.

A. Inland must implement a system by which the status of a customer's CPNI approval can be clearly established prior to the use of CPNI. Inland's policies and procedures are detailed in Section II above.

B. Effective December 8, 2007, Inland may release call detail information during a customer initiated telephone contact only if reasonable authentication procedures are complied with and (1) the customer provides Inland with a pre-established password, (2) Inland, at the customer's request, sends the call detail information to the customer's address of record provided the address of record has been associated with the account for at least thirty (30) days, or (3) when Inland calls the telephone number of record to disclose the call detail information. Inland is permitted to create a back-up customer authentication method for lost or forgotten passwords. Inland is also prohibited from releasing call detail information during a retail visit without the appropriate password or valid photo identification.

However, if the during a customer-initiated telephone contact, the customer is able to provide without assistance from Inland personnel all of the call detail information necessary to

address a customer service issue (i.e., the telephone number called, when it was called, and if applicable the amount charged for the call), then Inland personnel are permitted to proceed with its routine customer care procedures.

C. Not later than June 8, 2008, Inland must authenticate a customer without readily available biographical or account information prior to allowing the customer on-line access to CPNI related telecommunication service account. Once authenticated, the customer may only obtain on-line access to CPNI related telecommunications service account through a password.

D. Effective December 8, 2007, Inland is required to notify customers immediately when a password or back-up means of authentication for lost or forgotten passwords, on-line account, or address of record is created or changed. Such notification is not required when the customer initiates service, including the selection of a password.

E. Business customers are exempt from the password requirements which became effective December 8, 2007, if: the customer is contractually bound to Inland, is serviced by a dedicated Inland account representative as the primary contact, and within the contract Inland is responsible to address its CPNI obligations. If, at any point, the business customer must go through a call center to reach a customer service representative, then the exemption does not apply.

F. Inland trains its personnel as to when they are and are not authorized to use CPNI, and Inland must have an express disciplinary process in place.

G. Inland must maintain a record, electronically or in some other manner, of its own and its affiliates' sales and marketing campaigns that use its customers' CPNI. Inland shall maintain a record of all instances where CPNI was disclosed or provided to third parties, or where third parties were allowed access to CPNI. The record must include a description of each campaign, the specific CPNI that was used in the campaign, and what products and services were offered as a part of the campaign. Inland shall retain the record for a minimum of one year.

H. Inland must establish a supervisory review process regarding its compliance with the FCC's CPNI rules for outbound marketing situations and maintain records of its compliance for a minimum period of one year. Specifically, sales personnel must obtain supervisory approval of any proposed outbound marketing request for customer approval.

I. Effective December 8, 2007, Inland must take reasonable measures to discover and protect against attempts to gain unauthorized access to CPNI, which may include encryption of its databases. Inland must properly authenticate a customer prior to disclosing CPNI based on a customer-initiated telephone contact, on-line account access, or an in-store visit.

Inland must take measures to protect CPNI stored in its internal databases from potential unauthorized access, and evaluate and increase its security measures should it discover an increase in attempts to gain access to unauthorized information.

J. Inland must provide written notice within five business days to the FCC of any instance where the opt-out mechanisms do not work properly, to such a degree that consumers' inability to opt-out is more than an anomaly.

(1) The notice shall be in the form of a letter, and shall include Inland's name, a description of the opt-out mechanism(s) used, the problem(s) experienced, the remedy proposed and when it will be/was implemented, whether the relevant state commission(s) has been notified and whether it has taken any action, a copy of the notice provided to customers, and contact information.

(2) Such notice must be submitted even if Inland offers other methods by which consumers may opt-out.

K. Effective December 8, 2007, Inland has a general duty to first inform federal law enforcement agencies, followed up by notification to affected customers, after reasonable determination of a breach of its customers' CPNI.

(1) Inland must file an electronic notification to the United States Secret Service (USSS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) within seven (7) business days through the central reporting facility furnished by the Commission.

(2) Inland is prohibited from notifying customers or the general public of the breach until seven (7) business days have passed after notification to the USSS and FBI unless under certain specified circumstances: (a) Inland identifies an "extraordinary need to notify customers" before that period or (b) An ongoing or potential investigation or national security requires customer disclosure to be potentially delayed for up to thirty (30) days. Inland must notify the affected customer(s) after the applicable period.

(3) Inland must maintain a record, whether electronically or in some other manner of any breaches discovered, notifications made to the USSS or FBI and notifications made to customers. The record must include, if available, dates of discovery and notification, a detailed description of the CPNI that was the subject of the breach, and the circumstances of the breach. Records must be maintained for a two (2) year period.

Inland's operating procedures comply with all of the above requirements, including those that became effective December 8, 2007. With respect to online authentication in particular, Inland implemented measures to ensure compliance by the applicable June 8, 2008 deadline. As previously discussed, the Company currently does not use CPNI in a manner that requires prior customer approval. Should Inland's policy change, however, Inland shall implement the relevant aforementioned policies to ensure the FCC's rules are complied with. Inland notes in particular that:

- *Company personnel are trained as to when they are and are not authorized to use CPNI, and that an express process is in place such that violations of these procedures may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.*
- *Inland does not provide customers' with online access to their CPNI at this time.*
- *With respect to business customers subject to Section IV.E above, Inland requires them to provide the names of all that are authorized to have access to the account and at what authorization level (e.g. to make service changes, request additional services,*

billing inquiries) and further requires that a 6 to 10-place alphanumeric password be established.

- *Operating procedures have been implemented to comply with the remaining requirements described above and applicable to Inland's use, disclosure of and third party access to CPNI.*

V. Supplemental Information

Effective December 8, 2007, the FCC's rules require that the annual certification filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 64.2009(e) disclose any actions taken against data brokers and a summary of all consumer complaints received in the previous calendar year regarding the unauthorized release of CPNI. Inland is not aware of any consumer complaints regarding the unauthorized release of CPNI and has not taken action against any data brokers.

As of January 3, 2017, telecommunications carriers no longer are subject to the specific recordkeeping and annual CPNI compliance certification requirements contained in Sections 64.2009(c) and (e) of the Commission's rules.

By *Order* of June 29, 2017¹, the FCC reinstated the CPNI rules that were in effect before the adoption of the *2016 Broadband Privacy Order* setting forth new rules that also applied to broadband Internet service providers, and that were subsequently repealed by disapproval under the Congressional Review Act and signed into law by the President².

¹ *In the Matter of Protecting the Privacy of Customers of Broadband and Other Telecommunications Services, Implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Telecommunications Carriers' Use of Customer Proprietary Network Information and Other Customer Information, Order, WC Docket No. 6-106, CC Docket No. 96-115, June, 2017.*

² Congress repealed the *2016 Broadband Privacy Order* by a resolution of disapproval under the Congressional Review Act (CRA), and on April 3, 2017, President Trump signed it into law rendering the rules of no force or effect. Under the CRA, the disapproved rules are treated as if they never existed and are no longer on the books.