



February 12, 2018

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: EB Docket No. 06-36
Annual CPNI Certification

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Attached is the annual CPNI certification filing covering the year of 2017, pursuant to 47 C.F.R § 64.2009(e), for Kennebec Telephone Co., Inc. (806697).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rod Bowar', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Rod Bowar
President/Manager

Attachment

Annual 47 C.F.R. § 64.2009(e) CPNI Certification Template

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Annual 64.2009(e) CPNI Certification for 2018 covering the prior calendar year **2017**

1. Date filed: **February 12, 2018**
2. Name of company(s) covered by this certification: **Kennebec Telephone Co., Inc.**
3. Form 499 Filer ID: **806697**
4. Name of signatory: **Rod Bowar**
5. Title of signatory: **President/Manager**
6. Certification:

I, **Rod Bowar**, certify that I am an officer of the company named above, and acting as an agent of the company, that I have personal knowledge that the company has established operating procedures that are adequate to ensure compliance with the Commission's CPNI rules. See 47 C.F.R. § 64.2001 *et seq.*

Attached to this certification is an accompanying statement explaining how the company's procedures ensure that the company is in compliance with the requirements (including those mandating the adoption of CPNI procedures, training, safeguards, recordkeeping, and supervisory review) set forth in section 64.2001 *et seq.* of the Commission's rules.

The company **has not** taken actions (*i.e.*, proceedings instituted or petitions filed by a company at either state commissions, the court system, or at the Commission against data brokers) against data brokers in the past year. [NOTE: If you reply in the affirmative, provide an explanation of any actions taken against data brokers.]

The company **has not** received customer complaints in the past year concerning the unauthorized release of CPNI [NOTE: If you reply in the affirmative, provide a summary of such complaints. This summary must include the number of complaints, broken down by category or complaint, *e.g.*, instances of improper access by employees, instances of improper disclosure to individuals not authorized to receive the information, or instances of improper access to online information by individuals not authorized to view the information.]

The company represents and warrants that the above certification is consistent with 47 C.F.R. § 1.17 which requires truthful and accurate statements to the Commission. The company also acknowledges that false statements and misrepresentations to the Commission are punishable under Title 18 of the U.S. Code and may subject it to enforcement action.

Signed  [Signature of an officer, as agent of the carrier]

Attachments: Accompanying Statement explaining CPNI procedures
Explanation of actions taken against data brokers (if applicable)
Summary of customer complaints (if applicable)

OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH CPNI RULES

Kennebec Telephone Company, Inc. (the "Company") has implemented the following procedures to ensure that it is compliant with Part 64 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Subpart U – Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI), § 64.2001 through § 64.2011.

Compliance Officer

The Company has appointed Rod Bowar as our CPNI Compliance Officer. The Compliance Officer is responsible for ensuring that the Company is in compliance with all of the CPNI rules. The Compliance Officer is also the point of contact for anyone (internally or externally) with questions about CPNI.

Employee Training

The Compliance Officer arranges for the training of employees on an annual basis, and more frequently as needed. Any new employee is trained when hired by the Company. The training includes, but is not limited to, when employees are and are not authorized to use CPNI, and on the authentication methods the company is using. The detail of the training can differ based on whether or not the employee has access to CPNI.

After the training, all employees are required to sign a certification that they have received training on the CPNI rules, that they understand the Company's procedures for protecting CPNI and they understand the Company's disciplinary process for improper use of CPNI. Each employee has his own CPNI manual.

Employees are instructed that if they ever have any questions regarding the use of CPNI, if they are aware of CPNI being used improperly by anyone, or if they encounter someone other than the authorized person on an account trying to access CPNI that they should contact the Compliance Officer immediately who will then determine what action needs to be taken.

Disciplinary Process

The Company has established a specific disciplinary process for improper use of CPNI. The disciplinary action is based on the type and severity of the violation and could include any or a combination of the following: retraining the employee on CPNI rules, notation in the employee's personnel file, formal written reprimand, suspension or termination.

The disciplinary process is reviewed with all employees.

A copy of the Company's disciplinary process is kept in the employee handbook.

Customer Notification and Request for Approval to Use CPNI

The Company has not provided notification to its customers and has not asked for approval to use CPNI because it only uses CPNI in those instances where it is permissible to use CPNI without customer approval. It does not share the customer's CPNI with any joint venture partner, independent contractor or any other third party. For marketing purposes, the Company does mass marketing to all customers, or uses CPNI only to market service offerings among the categories of service to which the customer already subscribes.

If the Company receives a call from a customer who wants to discuss services outside of the customer's existing service offerings, the customer service representative uses the oral notification for one-time use of CPNI to obtain approval only for the duration of the call.

If, in the future, the Company decides to ask customers for approval to use their CPNI, it will implement a system by which the status of a customer's CPNI approval can be clearly established prior to the use of CPNI.

Marketing Campaigns

Even though the Company does not conduct any outbound marketing campaigns at this time, the Company has established a supervisory review process for any outbound marketing that it might do in the future. If the Company uses CPNI for a marketing campaign, the Compliance Officer must review the campaign and all materials to ensure that it is in compliance with the CPNI rules.

The Company has a process for maintaining a record of any marketing campaign of its own, or its affiliates, which uses customers' CPNI. The record will include a description of the campaign, the specific CPNI that was used in the campaign, and what products and services were offered as part of the campaign. The Company will retain the record of the campaign for a minimum of one year.

Authentication

The Company does not disclose any CPNI until the customer has been appropriately authenticated as follows:

In-office visit - the customer must provide a valid photo ID matching the customer's account information.

Customer-initiated call - the customer is authenticated by providing an answer to a pre-established question and must be listed as a contact on the account.

If the customer wants to discuss call detail information that requires a password, the following guidelines are followed:

- If the customer can provide all of the call detail information (telephone number called, when it was called, and the amount of the call) necessary to address the customer's issue, the Company will continue with its routine customer care procedures.
- If the customer cannot provide all of the call detail information to address the customer's issue, the Company will: (1) call the customer back at the telephone number of record, (2) send the information to the address of record, or (3) ask the customer to come into the office and provide a valid photo ID.

Notification of Account Changes

The Company promptly notifies customers whenever a change is made to any of the following:

- Address of record.
- Authentication question or answer.

The notification to the customer will be made either by a Company-originated voicemail or text message to the telephone number of record or sent to the address of record.

The Company has a process for tracking when a notification is required and for recording when and how the notification is made. Our software generates the notification letter.

Notification of Breaches

Employees will immediately notify the Compliance Officer of any indication of a breach. If it is determined that a breach has occurred, the Compliance Officer will do the following:

- Notify the United States Secret Service (USSS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as soon as practicable, but in no event later than 7 business days after determination of the breach. The notification will be via the FCC link at <http://www.fcc.gov/eb/cpni>.
- Notify customers only after 7 full business days have passed since notification to the USSS and the FBI, unless the USSS or FBI has requested an extension.
- If there is an urgent need to notify affected customers or the public sooner to avoid immediate and irreparable harm, it will be done only after consultation with the relevant investigating agency.
- Maintain a record of the breach, the notifications made to the USSS and FBI, and the notifications made to customers. The record should include dates of discovery and notification, a detailed description of the CPNI that was the subject of the breach and the circumstances of the breach.
- Include a summary of the breach in the annual compliance certificate filed with the FCC.

Annual Certification

The Compliance Officer will file a Compliance Certification with the FCC by March 1 of each year for data pertaining to the previous calendar year.

Record Retention

The Company retains all information regarding CPNI in a CPNI file in Debbie Miller's office. Following is the minimum retention period we have established for specific items:

- CPNI notification and records of approval - one year
- Marketing campaigns - one year
- Breaches - two years
- Annual certification - seven years
- Employee training certification - two years
- All other information - two years

Miscellaneous

The Company's CPNI policies include reasonable measures to discover and protect against activity that is indicative of pretexting and employees are instructed to notify the CPNI Compliance Officer immediately of any suspicious activity.