

Annual 47 CFR § 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 28, 2018
2. Name of company(s) covered by this certification: Granite Communications Inc.
3. Form 499 Filer ID: 832021
4. Name of signatory: Scott Ward
5. Title of signatory: Vice President
6. Certification:

I, Scott Ward , 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 CFR § 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 CFR § 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.

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

**CPNI Compliance Statement and Operating Procedures of
Granite Communications Inc.**

Pursuant to the requirements contained in *Implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996: Telecommunications Carriers' Use of Customer Proprietary Network Information and Other Customer Information; IP-Enabled Services*, CC Docket No. 96-115; WC Docket No. 0436, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 22 FCC Rcd 6927 (2007) ("EPIC CPNI Order"), I, **Scott Ward, Vice President of Granite Communications Inc.** 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.

Granite Communications Inc. has established policies and procedures to comply with the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) rules regarding the use, disclosure, and access to section 64.2001 et seq. of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 64.2001 et seq. These procedures ensure that Company is compliant with the FCC's customer proprietary network information (CPNI) rules. The purpose of this statement is to summarize our Company's policies and procedures designed to safeguard CPNI.

The Company uses CPNI for the limited purposes of initiating, rendering, billing, and collecting for telecommunications services, and may use CPNI, if necessary, to protect its property rights. Company does not disclose CPNI or permit access to such CPNI to any third parties other than as necessary to provide service.

The Company has implemented a system by which the status of a customer's CPNI approval can be clearly established prior to the use of CPNI.

The Company has established procedures to verify an incoming caller's identity. The Company trains its personnel as to when they are and are not authorized to use CPNI, and has an express disciplinary process in place. The Company also limits the number of employees that have access to customer information and call data.

The Company shall maintain a record, electronically or in some other manner, of their own and their affiliates' sales and marketing campaigns that use their customers' CPNI. All carriers 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. Carriers shall retain the record for a minimum of one year.

The Company has established a supervisory review process regarding carrier compliance with the rules in this subpart for outbound marketing situations and maintain records of carrier compliance for a minimum period of one year. Specifically, sales personnel must obtain supervisory approval of any proposed outbound marketing request for customer approval.

The Company will provide written notice within five (5) business days to the Commission 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 the carrier'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 the carrier offers other methods by which consumers may opt-out.

The Company has not taken any actions (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. Any information that they have with respect to the processes pretexters are using to attempt to access CPNI, and what steps companies are taking to protect CPNI.

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.

The Company annually submits a CPNI certification to the FCC from an officer with personal knowledge of the policies and procedures that it has implemented to safeguard CPNI.

Scott Ward vp [Signature]
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Vice President
TITLE

2/28/19
DATE