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

Re: CC Docket No. 00-257, Notification Regarding Acquisition of Customers

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Sprint hereby notifies the Commission, as required by Section 64.1120(e) of the FCC's Rules, 47 CFR §64.1120(e), of the transfer of the local exchange customers of Delta Phones and EZ Talk (collectively, Delta/EZ Talk) in the States of Kansas and Missouri to Sprint's services. Each carrier resold Sprint's local exchange service and between them had 58 residential customers in Sprint's local exchange service area in Kansas and 64 residential customers in Sprint's local exchange service area in Missouri. However, on or about March 4, 2004, each carrier claims to have discontinued providing service, although neither carrier made it clear to Sprint that it had ceased operations as of that date.¹ It is also Sprint's understanding that neither carrier advised the FCC, the Kansas and Missouri regulatory commissions, or their customers that it was discontinuing operations as of March 4, 2004.

Despite Delta/EZ Talk's apparent disdain for the welfare of their customers and for the regulatory processes of the FCC and the Kansas and Missouri regulatory commissions, none of their customers lost the ability to make calls to their family friends, doctors, pharmacies, etc.

¹ On January 8, 2004, Delta Phones and EZ Talk each filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois. *In re Delta Phones Inc., Debtor*, Case No. 04 B 00823 and *In re EZ Talk Communications LLC, Debtor*, Case No. 04 B 00828, respectively. Sprint's bankruptcy attorneys did not learn of the filing until nearly a month later on February 3, 2004. On March 4, the court granted the motion of the trustee for both Delta Phones and EZ Talk for joint administration of the bankruptcy proceedings under the Delta Phones case number. Also on March 4, the court granted the trustee's motion to convert the Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases of Delta Phones and EZ Talk to Chapter 7 cases, but Sprint's bankruptcy department did not receive the notice of the conversion until March 25. To make matters worse, it was not clear from the conversion notice when Delta/EZ Talk planned to cease operations and Sprint did not learn of the alleged March 4 discontinuance date until June 10 when a Sprint representative finally was able to talk with an attorney for the debtors.

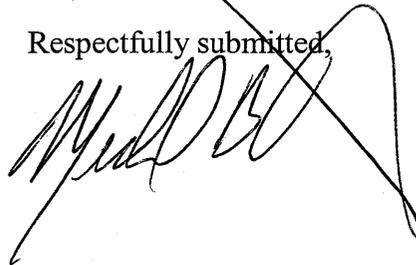
Because these CLECs were resellers of Sprint's local service, Sprint continued to provide such "resold services" on the belief that both carriers were still operational.² Moreover, even if Sprint had learned earlier that Delta/EZ Talk were no longer in business, Sprint would not have been able to terminate service to their customers since both Kansas and Missouri require that ILECs continue to provide service to the subscribers of their CLEC resale customers that cease operations so as to minimize interruptions of local service to such customers. In effect, ILECs are the local carriers of last resort in those states.

Each former Delta/EZ Talk customer is receiving a letter from Sprint that complies with the FCC's procedures relieving carriers of the need to obtain verification when they acquire subscribers voluntarily by the acquisition of another carrier or, as is the case here, when the acquisition is the result of state requirements governing the provision of service when CLECs cease providing service.³ See, 47 CFR §64.1120(e). Such letter informs the former Delta/EZ Talk customers of their option to select a local service carrier. In fact, the letter instructs them to either notify Sprint of their desire to continue to receive their local exchange service from Sprint or select another local exchange carrier by August 5, 2004. Customers who fail to make an election by that date will be disconnected. Copies of the letters are attached.

As stated, Sprint has been providing service to the former customers of Delta/EZ Talk since March 4. But given the unique circumstances of this case, particularly the fact that Delta/EZ Talk failed to inform Sprint on a timely basis of their apparent March 4 liquidation, the "carrier of last resort" regulations of the Kansas and Missouri commissions; and, of course, the welfare of the former customers of Delta/EZ Talk, Sprint believes that it is complying with the requirements set forth in Section 64.1120(e) of the Commission's rules. Thus Sprint, by the undersigned attorney, certifies that it is sending letters to affected subscribers, providing them with the applicable information required by Section 64.1120(e)(3); that it will comply with the obligations set forth in the notice; and that it comply with "other statutory and Commission requirements that apply to this streamlined process."

If you have additional questions or wish more information, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



Attachments

² Because of the Delta/EZ Talk bankruptcy filing, Sprint could not discontinue its provision of resold service to either carrier for nonpayment.

³ Sprint expects to mail the letters on July 2, 2004.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

NOTICE TO EZ TALK CUSTOMERS REGARDING TRANSFER OF TELEPHONE SERVICE(S) FROM EZ TALK TO SPRINT

[July 2, 2004]

[End User Name]

[Street Address]

[City, State, Zip]

Dear Customer:

EZ Talk formerly provided you local telephone service(s) over the resold facilities of United Telephone Company of Kansas (Sprint). As you may be aware, EZ Talk is no longer able to provide these services. In accordance with guidelines mandated by the Kansas Corporation Commission (State Commission), Sprint is required to transfer EZ Talk Customers to Sprint and provide these Customers with uninterrupted telephone service(s) for a period of (30) days following the transfer.

Customers who previously received local telephone service(s) from EZ Talk began receiving local telephone service(s) from Sprint on March 4, 2004 pursuant to procedures specified by the State Commission. The State Commission has enacted rules in order to minimize interruptions of service to Customers of Competitive Local Exchange Carriers who are no longer providing local telephone service(s), and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has enacted rules in such situations governing the transfer of your services back to Sprint.

The rates, terms and conditions for the service(s) that were transferred to Sprint are contained in Sprint's General Exchange Tariff on file with the State Commission. Sprint will not assess any carrier change charges to your account(s) to transfer your local service(s) from EZ Talk to Sprint.

Please be aware that as a subscriber affected by this transfer you have the option to select the company that provides your local service(s) (Provider of Choice), if an alternative carrier is available in your area. A selection of providers is located in the Informational Pages of your Telephone Directory. You will find a Notification of Change in Local Service Form enclosed in this letter that must be filled out and returned to Sprint in the enclosed envelope or via facsimile transmission (888-436-7836) by July 29, 2004 ("Provider of Choice Date") to effectuate your Provider of Choice selection. If you wish to select Sprint as your Provider of Choice, you may do so by contacting our Business Office at (800-788-3500) and submission of the Notification of Change in Local Service Form will not be necessary. **Please note**

that you must elect a Provider of Choice on or before August 5, 2004 or your service(s) will be disconnected without further notice.

All subscribers receiving this notice, even those who have arranged preferred carrier freezes through EZ Talk on the service(s) involved in this transfer, will be transferred to Sprint unless you have selected a different carrier before the Provider of Choice Date. Existing preferred carrier freezes on the service(s) involved in this transfer will be lifted and you are required to contact your selected Provider of Choice to arrange a new freeze.

If you have any questions regarding the transfer of your telephone service(s) to Sprint, please feel free to contact us at Sprint's toll-free customer service number, 1-800-788-3500.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

NOTICE TO DELTA PHONES CUSTOMERS REGARDING TRANSFER OF TELEPHONE SERVICE(S) FROM DELTA PHONES TO SPRINT

[July 2, 2004]

[End User Name]

[Street Address]

[City, State, Zip]

Dear Customer:

Delta Phones formerly provided you local telephone service(s) over the resold facilities of United Telephone Company of Kansas (Sprint). As you may be aware, Delta Phones is no longer able to provide these services. In accordance with guidelines mandated by the Kansas Corporation Commission (State Commission), Sprint is required to transfer Delta Phones Customers to Sprint and provide these Customers with uninterrupted telephone service(s) for a period of (30) days following the transfer.

Customers who previously received local telephone service(s) from Delta Phones began receiving local telephone service(s) from Sprint on March 4, 2004 pursuant to procedures specified by the State Commission. The State Commission has enacted rules in order to minimize interruptions of service to Customers of Competitive Local Exchange Carriers who are no longer providing local telephone service(s) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has enacted rules in such situations governing the transfer of your services back to Sprint.

The rates, terms and conditions for the service(s) that were transferred to Sprint are contained in Sprint's General Exchange Tariff on file with the State Commission. Sprint will not assess any carrier change charges to your account(s) to transfer your local service(s) from Delta Phones to Sprint.

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[End User Name]

[Street Address]

[City, State, Zip]

Dear Customer:

EZ Talk formerly provided you local telephone service(s) over the resold facilities of Sprint Missouri, Inc. (Sprint). As you may be aware, EZ Talk is no longer able to provide these services. In accordance with guidelines mandated by the Missouri Public Service Commission (State Commission), Sprint is required to transfer EZ Phone Customers to Sprint and provide these Customers with uninterrupted telephone service(s) for a period of (30) days following the transfer.

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