

E911 VoIP service objection.

I am currently a subscriber to Packet8's (8x8) VoIP service.

I have read there "Terms and Conditions of Service" agreement it states that "The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires that 8x8 provide E911 Service to all End Users who use 8x8 services within the United States." Is this true? The reason I ask is because I have designed my own personal home phone system that does not require any 911 service from my VoIP provider.

My system uses a Mitel Smart-1 Programmable Communications Controller that routes outgoing calls to either my local POTS line or my VoIP line based on the number being dialed. These 2 lines are connected and distributed over a single line to several single line phones throughout my home. The switching of these 2 lines is controlled by a Radio Shack Automatic Two Line Adapter (Model 43-434a) along with programmed routing control from the Mitel Smart-1 Controller to send all N11 calls (including 911) only to my local POTS line. In case of a power failure, I have a 2 HR. battery backup that supplies power to my Internet Modem, Router, VoIP Adapter, Mitel Controller and the Radio Shack Adapter. If power fails altogether, the Radio Shack Adapter will provide outbound service only to my local POTS line. This system has been running reliably since August of 2003.

I object to being forced to subscribe to E911 service with my VoIP provider. Is there any way a VoIP End User, in the United States, can request that they don't require E911 service, therefore not have to pay for the E911 services?

Sincerely,
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