

South Plains Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Robocall Mitigation Plan

This robocall mitigation plan is for South Plains Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Operating Company Number (2143) with headquarters at 2425 Marshall St. Lubbock, TX 79415.

We perform the following roles in the call chain:

- A voice service provider with a STIR/SHAKEN implementation obligation serving end-users

Know Your Customer

We follow the caller ID authentication best practices for vetting caller identity and operational legitimacy for new and existing customers as described by the NANC Call Authentication Trust Anchor Working Group.

This process includes the collection and review of entity-identifying information to confirm that we have an authenticated relationship with the customer. We use this authenticated information to determine whether the customer is subject to any enforcement actions that restrict the type of calling that they may do, for example, if they have been banned from initiating telemarketing calls.

We also validate, when possible, that the entity has a legitimate right to use its asserted calling numbers. We use this information to support the attestation level we assign to calls that we originate for that customer.

Our contractual provisions with customers prohibit them from initiating illegal robocalls. If we find a customer initiating suspicious robocalls, we warn them to stop. If such traffic continues, then we terminate their service.

Know Your Upstream Provider

We have a vetting and review process for upstream providers, that is, providers that send us voice traffic that we terminate or transit to other providers.

We confirm that the upstream provider has a certification in the Robocall Mitigation Database. We will not accept voice traffic from an unregistered provider.

We require that the upstream provider has a reasonable robocall mitigation plan, including a vetting process for its customers and upstream providers, and uses call analytics to identify suspicious traffic.

We establish an understanding of the upstream provider's role in the call path for the traffic they will send to us, for example, whether they are acting as an originating voice service provider, a foreign intermediate provider, or a U.S.-based intermediate provider. We use this information to understand whether we will be obligated to authenticate unsigned traffic that we receive from them.

Our contractual provisions with upstream providers prohibit them from sending us illegal robocalls. If we find that an upstream provider is sending us suspicious robocalls, we warn them to stop. If such traffic continues, then we terminate their service.

Traceback

South Plains Telephone Cooperative, Inc. commits to respond fully, within 24 hours, to all traceback requests from the FCC, law enforcement, and the industry traceback consortium, and to cooperate with such entities in investigating and stopping illegal robocallers that use its service to originate, carry, or process illegal robocalls.

Robocall Mitigation Program

We use call analytics software provided by TransNexus to monitor all outbound voice traffic in real-time to prevent the origination or transit of illegal robocalls.

The software provides detailed reporting to identify suspected illegal robocalls. The system alerts us if we process outbound calls where the calling number has a poor reputation or is invalid, unallocated, or on a Do Not Originate list.

We perform the same mitigation steps for all outbound calls regardless of our role in the call chain for a particular call.

We immediately investigate any identified suspicious calls to determine if the caller or upstream provider was attempting to originate or transit unlawful robocalls. If we determine that the traffic was likely unlawful, then we warn them to stop sending such traffic. If they continue to send traffic that appears to be unlawful, then we terminate their service.

South Plains has never been involved in formal law enforcement or regulatory investigation into suspected unlawful robocalling.

South Plains has not been prohibited from filing in the Robocall Mitigation Database.

STIR/SHAKEN

We have registered with the STI-PA using OCN 2143. We have our own STIR/SHAKEN certificate issued by iConnectiv. We have implemented STIR/SHAKEN using an STI-AS and STI-VS supplied by iConnectiv.

We are exempt from STIR/SHAKEN implementation requirements for some calls because these calls rely on non-IP technology - 47 CFR 64.6304(d).