



Eckles Telephone Company, Inc.

Robocall Mitigation Plan

Eckles Telephone Company, Inc. dba Bevcomm implemented a Robocall Mitigation Program, required by Section 4(b)(5)(C) of the TRACED Act, and 47 C.F.R. §64.6305, as documented herein. This company is a small rural local exchange carrier operating in the state of Minnesota. The company is operating under the extension contained in 47 CFR § 64.6304(d)-for networks where a portion relies on technology that cannot initiate, maintain, and terminate SIP calls. Eckles Telephone Company is an end office providing company. The company terminates traffic to end users from upstream providers. Eckles Telephone Company does not operate a tandem switch.

Eckles Telephone Company Inc.'s Robocall Mitigation Program as well as the status of its implementation of STIR/SHAKEN practices and procedure it has in place, is described in the following report. Eckles Telephone Company may modify, add, delete, or otherwise alter any of the policies and procedures described in the plan at any time to respond to changes in its business, its capabilities, and its needs.

Know Your Customer

Eckles Telephone Company, Inc. maintains a rigorous "know your customer" process, specifically designed to prevent new and renewing customers from using their network to originate illegal calls. Eckles Telephone Company investigates new and renewing customers seeking access to high-volume origination services and, if necessary and possible, modifies service terms and conditions to mitigate the potential of any new or renewing customer originating illegal robocalls.

Know your Upstream Provider

Eckles Telephone Company, Inc. conducts a due diligence review in advance of accepting a new upstream provider. The review includes the collection of business demographic information and a contact name. If an upstream provider was determined to have a pattern of questionable activity, the provider would be required to remedy the problem or service would be suspended and/or terminated.

Traceback

Eckles Telephone Company, Inc. has processes in place to ensure it responds fully to any traceback request from the FCC, civil or criminal law enforcement agents, and the industry traceback consortium within 24 hours of request. Eckles Telephone Company has designated a traceback response contact(s) who is aware of the traceback requirements in the event the Company receives notification of a traceback request.

Eckles Telephone Company, Inc. will respond promptly to inquiries received from the Industry Traceback Group. If a pattern of questionable activity is detected, Eckles Telephone Company will require its customer to remedy the problem and, if effective action is not taken, service to the customer may be suspended and/or terminated.

STIR/SHAKEN

Most of the voice traffic that originates on Eckles Telephone Company Inc.'s voice network in Minnesota is authenticated with STIR/SHAKEN. The company has implemented STIR/SHAKEN in partnership with Neustar as the STI-Certificate Authority (STI-CA) service provider for Eckles Telephone Company. Neustar will interact with the STI-Policy Administrator (STI-PA) on Eckles Telephone Company's behalf to ensure that (1) only vetted and approved customers are authorized to sign calls and (2) such customers' calls are signed exclusively with certificates that have been issued at the national level.

The remainder of the voice traffic that originates on its network in Minnesota is subject to the robocall mitigation program described below. Eckles Telephone Company, Inc. has not been the subject of a regulatory or law enforcement investigation related to illegal robocalling. Eckles Telephone Company Inc. has received notification from the WCB RMD team of a deficient Robocall Mitigation Database filing in April 2025. The deficiencies were regarding the *principal(s)* and *valid OCN*. Eckles Telephone Company Inc. corrected the deficiencies within the Robocall Mitigation database by the required deadline. No further notifications have been received. The company is not prohibited from filing in the Robocall Mitigation Database.

Robocall Mitigation Program

Eckles Telephone Company, Inc. is using software provided by NAMS Firefly. The software provides detailed reporting identifying suspected illegal robocalls. We immediately investigate any identified calls to determine if the caller was attempting to originate unlawful robocalls. If we determine that the caller was attempting to originate unlawful robocalls, then we either warn them to stop or terminate their service as appropriate. The company is working toward a Stir/Shaken solution in the TDM portions of its network as part of a work group affiliation.

Thank you,

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