## California Public Utilities Commission Consumer Service and Information Division

## **Communications Industry**

Consumer Contacts that Require Enhanced Processing Presented by Utility Company, Category and Subcategory

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This report presents a subset of total consumer contacts reported in Table 1. This data represents consumer contacts that require enhanced processing for resolution of consumers' complaints. These cases are known as Informal Complaints (ICs) and are sent to the appropriate utility for investigation. The utility must respond to the CPUC and address the allegations of the complaint. The following table reports the ICs by utility company and the nature of the complaint by category and the more specific subcategory.

**Table 2 - Communications Industry Contacts:** The companies listed in the table are organized in alphabetical order. Companies' names in this list may not reflect the company name under which services are marketed to the consumer.

Utility Code	Utility Name	Category	Subcategory	Count
CER4458	AmeriMex Communications	Lifeline	LLB Discount Switched to Other Carrier	1
	Corp.		Total ICs	1
CLC1001,	AT&T California	Billing	Bill Adjustment	12
LEC1001		Billing	Early Termination Fee - ETF	1
		Billing	High Bill	14
		Billing	Other Charges	6
		Billing	Out of Service Credit - OOS	3
		Billing	Payment Error	1
		Lifeline	LLB Address Error	3
		Lifeline	LLB Application Request	6
		Lifeline	LLB Approved for Discount	4
		Lifeline	LLB Discount Switched to Other Carrier	5
		Policy and Practices	Abusive Marketing	2
		Policy and Practices	Safety	1
		Service	Call Quality	3
		Service	Delayed Orders/Missed Appointments	9
		Service	Number Portability - Wireless or Landline	1
		Service	Outage	16
		Service	Refusal To Serve	3
			Total ICs	90
CLC5002,	AT&T Corp.	Billing	Other Charges	1
CLC6346,	·	Policy and Practices	Abusive Marketing	1
IEC5002, IEC6346			Total ICs	2
CEC3014,	AT&T Mobility	Billing	Bill Adjustment	1
CEC3021		Billing	Bill Not Received	1
		Billing	Early Termination Fee - ETF	2
		Billing	High Bill	10
		Billing	Other Charges	2
		Policy and Practices	Abusive Marketing	3
		Service	Delayed Orders/Missed Appointments	1
		Service	Refusal To Serve	1
			Total ICs	21
CLC7118	Birch Communications	Policy and Practices	Abusive Marketing	1
			Total ICs	1

Utility Code	Utility Name	Category	Subcategory	Count
CLC5335,	CenturyLink	Billing	Slamming	1
IEC5335, IEC6018			Total ICs	1
CLR5227,	Clear Choice Communications;	Policy and Practices	Abusive Marketing	1
IEC5227	Excel Communications;			
	Matrix Business Technologies;			
	Trinsic Communications;		Total ICs	1
CLC5698, IEC5698	Comcast Digital Phone	Billing	Bundled Services	1
		Billing	Disputed Customer of Record	1
			Total ICs	2
CLR6977	Connect To Communications,	Billing	High Bill	1
	Inc.	J	Total ICs	1
CER4328	Consumer Cellular, Inc.	Billing	High Bill	1
JL114520	Consumer Sendiar, IIIC.	Silling .	Total ICs	1
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CLC5684, IEC5684	Cox; Cox Communications; Cox Business	Billing	Bill Adjustment	1
IEC3684	Business		Total ICs	1
CER4436	enTouch	Lifeline	LLB Discount Switched to Other Carrier	1
		Lifeline	LLB Federal Program/Equipment	1
			Total ICs	2
LEC1009	Foresthill Telephone Company,	Service	Disconnected In Error	1
	Inc.		Total ICs	1
CLC1002,	Frontier California Inc.	Billing	Bill Adjustment	7
LEC1002		Billing	Bill Not Received	1
		Billing	Bundled Services	1
		Billing	Cramming	1
		Billing	Disputed Customer of Record	1
		Billing	Early Termination Fee - ETF	3
		Billing	High Bill	19
		Billing	Other Charges	5
		Billing	Out of Service Credit - OOS	2
		Billing Lifeline	Slamming LLB Approved for Discount	2
		Policy and Practices	Abusive Marketing	4
		Policy and Practices	Safety	<del>4</del>
		Service	Call Quality	1
		Service	Delayed Orders/Missed Appointments	8
		Service	Disconnected In Error	1
		Service	Number Portability - Wireless or Landline	2
		Service	Outage	16
		Service	Refusal To Serve	2
			Total ICs	78
CLC6842	Granite Telecommunications,	Billing	Slamming	1
	LLC		Total ICs	1
CER4381	Greatcall, Inc.	Billing	Other Charges	1
			Total ICs	1
IEC5168	Intellicall Operator Services, Inc.	Billing	Other Charges	1
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CER4442	Life Wireless	Lifeline	LLB Approved for Discount	1
			Total ICs	1

Utility Code	Utility Name	Category	Subcategory	Count
CLC5502,	Preferred Long Distance, Inc.	Billing	Slamming	6
IEC5502,		Policy and Practices	Abusive Marketing	4
CLR5502			Total ICs	10
CER4447	Red Pocket, Inc.	Service	Number Portability - Wireless or Landline	1
			Total ICs	1
CLR7002	Sonic Telecom, LLC	Billing	High Bill	1
		Policy and Practices	Safety	1
		Service	Outage	1
			Total ICs	3
CEC3062,	Sprint; Sprint PCS	Billing	Bill Adjustment	2
CER4332,		Billing	Bill Not Received	1
CLC5122,		Billing	Cramming	2
IEC5112,		Billing	Disputed Customer of Record	1
PCC3062, PCC3064,		Billing	High Bill	4
PCC3066		Policy and Practices Service	Abusive Marketing Disconnected In Error	1
		Service	Disconnection Non Payment	1
		Service	Total ICs	13
CED 4200	Suralink Mahila, TruCannat	Lifeline		
CER4380	Surelink Mobile; TruConnect	Lifeline Lifeline	LLB Address Error LLB Federal Program/Equipment	1
		Lifelific	Total ICs	2
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CER4411	Tag Mobile, LLC	Lifeline	LLB Application Request <i>Total ICs</i>	1 1
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CER4389,	Telepacific Communications	Billing	High Bill	1
CLC5248, CLC5721,		Service	Outage	1
CLC5859,				
CLR5721,				
IEC5248,				
IEC5721,				
IEC5859			Total ICs	2
	TIC Long Distance	Billina		
IEC5859 IER6081	TIC Long Distance	Billing	Cramming Total ICs	1 1
IER6081		, and the second	Cramming Total ICs	1
IER6081 CLC6874,	TIC Long Distance Time Warner Cable	Billing	Cramming Total ICs High Bill	1 1
IER6081		, and the second	Cramming Total ICs	1
IER6081 CLC6874, CLR6874, DVS1158, IEC6874,		Billing Billing	Cramming  Total ICs  High Bill  Late Payment Charge - LPC	1 1 1
IER6081 CLC6874, CLR6874, DVS1158,		Billing Billing Lifeline	Cramming  Total ICs  High Bill  Late Payment Charge - LPC  LLB Application Request	1 1 1 1
IER6081 CLC6874, CLR6874, DVS1158, IEC6874,	Time Warner Cable	Billing Billing Lifeline Policy and Practices	Cramming  Total ICs  High Bill  Late Payment Charge - LPC  LLB Application Request  Abusive Marketing	1 1 1 1 1 2
CLC6874, CLR6874, DVS1158, IEC6874, IER6874		Billing Billing Lifeline	Cramming  Total ICs  High Bill  Late Payment Charge - LPC  LLB Application Request  Abusive Marketing  Total ICs	1 1 1 1 1 2 5
CLC6874, CLR6874, DVS1158, IEC6874, IER6874	Time Warner Cable  T-Mobile (Brightspot; Go-Smart	Billing Billing Lifeline Policy and Practices  Billing Billing Billing	Cramming  Total ICs  High Bill  Late Payment Charge - LPC  LLB Application Request  Abusive Marketing  Total ICs  Bill Adjustment  High Bill  Other Charges	1 1 1 1 1 2 5
CLC6874, CLR6874, DVS1158, IEC6874, IER6874	Time Warner Cable  T-Mobile (Brightspot; Go-Smart Mobile; Univision Mobile;	Billing Billing Lifeline Policy and Practices  Billing Billing	Cramming  Total ICs  High Bill  Late Payment Charge - LPC  LLB Application Request  Abusive Marketing  Total ICs  Bill Adjustment  High Bill  Other Charges  Abusive Marketing	1 1 1 1 1 2 5 5 3 6 2 1 1
CLC6874, CLR6874, DVS1158, IEC6874, IER6874	Time Warner Cable  T-Mobile (Brightspot; Go-Smart Mobile; Univision Mobile;	Billing Billing Lifeline Policy and Practices  Billing Billing Billing	Cramming  Total ICs  High Bill  Late Payment Charge - LPC  LLB Application Request  Abusive Marketing  Total ICs  Bill Adjustment  High Bill  Other Charges	1 1 1 1 1 2 5 3 6 2
CLC6874, CLR6874, DVS1158, IEC6874, IER6874	Time Warner Cable  T-Mobile (Brightspot; Go-Smart Mobile; Univision Mobile; Walmart Family Mobile)  TracFone Wireless (Net10; Page	Billing Billing Lifeline Policy and Practices  Billing Billing Billing	Cramming  Total ICs  High Bill  Late Payment Charge - LPC  LLB Application Request  Abusive Marketing  Total ICs  Bill Adjustment  High Bill  Other Charges  Abusive Marketing	1 1 1 1 1 2 5 3 6 2
IER6081  CLC6874, CLR6874, DVS1158, IEC6874, IER6874 CEC3056	Time Warner Cable  T-Mobile (Brightspot; Go-Smart Mobile; Univision Mobile; Walmart Family Mobile)  TracFone Wireless (Net10; Page Plus Wireless; SafeLink, Simple	Billing Billing Lifeline Policy and Practices  Billing Billing Billing Policy and Practices	Cramming  Total ICs  High Bill  Late Payment Charge - LPC  LLB Application Request  Abusive Marketing  Total ICs  Bill Adjustment  High Bill  Other Charges  Abusive Marketing  Total ICs	1 1 1 1 1 2 5 3 6 2 1
IER6081  CLC6874, CLR6874, DVS1158, IEC6874, IER6874 CEC3056	Time Warner Cable  T-Mobile (Brightspot; Go-Smart Mobile; Univision Mobile; Walmart Family Mobile)  TracFone Wireless (Net10; Page Plus Wireless; SafeLink, Simple Mobile; Straight Talk Wireless;	Billing Billing Lifeline Policy and Practices  Billing Billing Billing Policy and Practices  Lifeline	Cramming  Total ICs  High Bill  Late Payment Charge - LPC  LLB Application Request  Abusive Marketing  Total ICs  Bill Adjustment  High Bill  Other Charges  Abusive Marketing  Total ICs	1 1 1 1 1 2 5 3 6 2 1 12
IER6081  CLC6874, CLR6874, DVS1158, IEC6874, IER6874 CEC3056	Time Warner Cable  T-Mobile (Brightspot; Go-Smart Mobile; Univision Mobile; Walmart Family Mobile)  TracFone Wireless (Net10; Page Plus Wireless; SafeLink, Simple	Billing Billing Lifeline Policy and Practices  Billing Billing Billing Policy and Practices  Lifeline Lifeline	Cramming  Total ICs  High Bill  Late Payment Charge - LPC  LLB Application Request  Abusive Marketing  Total ICs  Bill Adjustment  High Bill  Other Charges  Abusive Marketing  Total ICs  LLB Approved for Discount  LLB Discount Switched to Other Carrier	1 1 1 1 1 2 5 5 3 6 2 1 1 12 1 1

Utility Code	Utility Name	Category	Subcategory	Count
CLC5253, IEC5253	Verizon Access Transmission Services	Lifeline	LLB Discount Switched to Other Carrier	1
		Service	Outage	1
			Total ICs	2
CER4386,	Verizon Business Services	Service	Outage	1
CER4438, IEC5378			Total ICs	1
CEC3029	Verizon Wireless, LLC	Billing	Bill Adjustment	5
		Billing	Cramming	2
		Billing	High Bill	3
		Billing	Other Charges	5
		Billing	Payment Arrangements	1
		Billing	Payment Error	1
		Policy and Practices	Abusive Marketing	1
		Service	Outage	2
			Total ICs	20
CER4327	Virgin Mobile; Assurance	Lifeline	LLB Address Error	1
		Lifeline	LLB Application Request	1
		Lifeline	LLB Discount Switched to Other Carrier	1
		Lifeline	LLB Federal Program/Equipment	6
			Total ICs	9
DVS1135	Vonage America, Inc.	Billing	High Bill	1
			Total ICs	1
CLC5553,	XO Communications Services	Billing	High Bill	1
IEC5553		Service	Number Portability - Wireless or Landline	1
			Total ICs	2
			Total ICs Sent 1	298

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Due to the carryover of cases received in previous months, there are slight differences between the total number of ICs sent to the utilities and the number of written contacts received in a month.