

*******REMINDER NOTICE*******

FROM: Frank Pozniak, Executive Director
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TO: Communication Service Providers

DATE: July 1, 2015

RE: **REVISED MASSACHUSETTS ENHANCED 911 SURCHARGE
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015**

On May 28, 2015, the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable ("D.T.C.") issued an Interim Order in Docket D.T.C. 15-2, Petition of the State 911 Department to Adjust the Enhanced 911 Surcharge. **In the Interim Order, the D.T.C. adjusted the Massachusetts Enhanced 911 Surcharge to \$1.25 per month, effective July 1, 2015, for each subscriber or end user whose communication services are capable of accessing and utilizing the enhanced 911 system. Each communication service provider shall remit surcharge revenues, along with the required report, to the State 911 Department on a monthly basis.** On June 18, 2015, the D.T.C. issued a Final Order approving the adjustment to the Enhanced 911 Surcharge to \$1.25 per month, effective July 1, 2015, with a reduction to \$1.00, effective July 1, 2016.

The monthly report form, as well as the D.T.C.'s Interim and Final Orders, can be found on the State 911 Department's website at www.mass.gov/e911.

Chapter 223 of the Acts of 2008 ("An Act to Create a State 911 Department, Single 911 Surcharge, and an Enhanced 911 Fund" or "the Act") imposes on each subscriber or end user whose communication services are capable of accessing and utilizing an enhanced 911 system a monthly surcharge. The Act requires that "The surcharge shall be collected by the communication service provider..." and "each communication service provider shall remit the surcharge revenues collected...for deposit in the enhanced 911 fund." As set forth in the Act, "communication services" includes any of the following:

(a) the transmission, conveyance or routing of real-time, two-way voice

communications to a point or between or among points by or through any electronic, radio, satellite, cable, optical, microwave, wireline, wireless or other medium or method, regardless of the protocol used; (b) the ability to provide two-way voice communication on the public switched network; (c) wireless enhanced 911 service; (d) wireline enhanced 911 service; (e) interconnected VoIP provider service as defined by the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission; (f) IP-enabled service; or (g) prepaid wireless service. A “communications service provider” is an entity that provides communications services to a subscriber or end user.

Questions may be directed to the State 911 Department by email at e911surcharge@massmail.state.ma.us or by telephone to Karen Robitaille at (508)-821-7221.