

John Jennings

From: JOSEPHSON, DEBBIE (SWBT) [da8575@att.com]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2006 11:00 AM
To: jjennings@bigrivertelephone.com
Cc: Andrew Schwantner; BIG RIVER~Jennifer Rinesmith
Subject: Big River~Informal Dispute status on issue of 251/271 ICA: NOTICE OF CLOSURE

Attachments: Big River Letter 6-28-06.pdf



Big River Letter
6-28-06.pdf (...)

Hi, John. I just wanted to give you a heads up on the finality of this informal dispute issue as of today. Per my email to you on July 6 (see below), AT&T's account management team now considers this issue closed. The placeholder in the amount of \$138,954.08 on BAN #110 559 0017 501 has now been removed from our billing dispute system and is now considered due and payable effective immediately.

I believe Big River had been short-paying on this account (don't know for how long), and as a result of the placeholder removal, our records now reflect a disputed amount of \$0.00. So what comes out of the disputed column (\$138,954.08) is now placed in the past due column (\$138,954.08). I just wanted you to know.

Let me know if you have any questions. If I don't hear from you today, I hope you have a great day and a nice weekend!

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: JOSEPHSON, DEBBIE (SWBT)
> Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2006 8:26 AM
> To: 'jjennings@bigrivertelephone.com'
> Cc: 'Jennifer Rinesmith'; 'Andrew Schwantner'
> Subject: FW: Informal Dispute follow up
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> Hi, John. Per the letter from my boss last week (below), I wanted to
> be sure that Big River had no more issues/loose ends on this dispute,
> because I need to move forward on the conversion process for BRT's
> Local Wholesale Complete (LWC) arrangement. This dispute was one that
> was keeping BRT to obtain new LWC BANs as well as engaging in LWC
> conversion discussions. The conversion is scheduled for August 26,
> and that does not give me much time to get BRT ready for this
> conversion. Jennifer and Andrew know that I am very anxious to get
> started on this (because I'm almost out of time), but they will only
> move forward if they get the "green light" from you.
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> If BRT has no further issues with this dispute, would you please let
> your team (and me) know so that I may schedule our first conversion
> conference call? Thank you so much! Have a great day!
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: GILMORE, JERRY W (SBC-OPS)
> Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2006 9:25 AM
> To: John Jennings (jjennings@bigrivertelephone.com)
> Cc: JOSEPHSON, DEBBIE (SWBT)
> Subject: Informal Dispute follow up
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> John:
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> As I committed on our call last week, here is follow up
> correspondence.
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> Jerry
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> <<Big River Letter 6-28-06.pdf>>



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June 28, 2006

via E-mail

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RE: Informal Dispute Resolution, 271 Switching combined with 251 Loops

Dear Mr. Jennings:

This is to follow up our telephone conference on Friday, June 23, 2006 regarding the above Informal Dispute. The Preliminary Injunction Order currently in effect is directed to "orders for unbundled local switching or UNE-P pursuant to the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996" ("the Act"). As advised on the call, the express language of the Order prohibits the combining of 271 Switching with 251 Loops, since both are "pursuant to" the Act. Therefore, AT&T has no obligation to convert a portion of Big River's embedded base of UNE-P lines to a combination of 271 and 251 elements.

When the litigation regarding this matter is fully resolved, we can determine the actions necessary to implement the resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "J. Gilmore", written over a horizontal line.