



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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May 25, 2006

Mr. William Lehy, President
AT&T New England
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Boston, MA 02111

Re: May 24, 2006 RI-ACLU Informal Complaint Filing

Dear Mr. Lehy:

Enclosed, please find a copy of an "informal complaint" from the Rhode Island Affiliate, American Civil Liberties Union ("RI-ACLU") that was filed yesterday with the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers. The complaint alleges that AT&T "...improperly shared telephone records with the National Security Agency (NSA)."

The RI-ACLU asserts that by sharing these telephone records with the NSA AT&T has violated a number of State laws, including R.I.G.L. §§39-4-3 (which prohibits unreasonable practices and acts by public utilities), 11-18-10 (which prohibits deceptive advertising practices), 39-2-20 (relating to non-published telephone numbers), 12-5.2-3 (relating to pen registers or trap and trace devices), and 39-1-62 (relating to E-911 information).

Pursuant to the provisions of Rule 6 (c) of the Division's *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, the Division is currently in the process of considering and investigating the RI-ACLU's "informal complaint." As part of this process, the Division requests that you submit a written response to the RI-ACLU's complaint to the Division by June 16, 2006.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

cc: Mr. Steven Brown, Executive Director, RI-ACLU



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Verizon Rhode Island
234 Washington Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

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