

# VoIP E911 Disclosure Notice

## **Description**

VoIP services allow you to make or receive telephone calls over the Internet to or from the public switched telephone network. The nature of VoIP telephone calls, while appearing similar to traditional telephone calling services, create unique limitations and circumstances, and you acknowledge and agree that differences exist between traditional telephone service and VoIP telephone services, including the lack of traditional 911 emergency services.

## **911 service**

Because of the unique nature of VoIP telephone calls, emergency calls to 911 through your VoIP service will be handled differently than traditional phone service. The following provisions describe the differences and limitations of 911 emergency calls, and you hereby acknowledge and understand the differences between traditional 911 service and VoIP calls with respect to 911 calls placed to emergency services from your account as described below.

## **Placing 911 calls**

When you make a 911 emergency call, the VoIP service will attempt to automatically route your 911 call through a third-party service provider to the Public Safety Answering Point ("PSAP") corresponding to the address of record on your account. However, due to the limitations of the VoIP telephone services, your 911 call may be routed to a different location than the one that would be used for traditional 911 dialing. For example, your call may be forwarded to a third-party specialized call center that handles emergency calls. This call center is different from the PSAP that would answer a traditional 911 call which has automatically generated your address information, and consequently, you may be required to provide your name, address, and telephone number to the call center.

## **How your information is provided**

The VoIP service will attempt to automatically provide the PSAP dispatcher or emergency service operator with the name, address and telephone number associated with your account. However, for technical reasons, the dispatcher receiving the call may not be able to capture or retain your name, phone number or physical location. Therefore, WHEN MAKING A 911 EMERGENCY CALL, YOU MUST IMMEDIATELY INFORM THE DISPATCHER OF YOUR LOCATION (OR THE LOCATION OF THE EMERGENCY, IF DIFFERENT). If you are

unable to speak, the dispatcher may not be able to locate you if your location information is not up to date.

### **Correctness of information**

**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING, MAINTAINING, AND UPDATING CORRECT CONTACT INFORMATION (INCLUDING NAME, RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER) WITH YOUR ACCOUNT.** If you do not correctly identify the actual location where you are located, or if your account information has recently changed or has otherwise not been updated, 911 calls may be misdirected to an incorrect emergency response site.

### **Disconnections**

You must not disconnect the 911 emergency call until told to do so by the dispatcher, as the dispatcher may not have your number or contact information. If you are inadvertently disconnected, you must call back immediately.

### **Connection time**

For technical reasons, including network congestion, it is possible that a 911 emergency call will produce a busy signal or will take longer to connect when compared with traditional 911 calls.

### **911 calls may not function**

For technical reasons, the functionality of 911 VoIP emergency calls may cease or be curtailed in various circumstances, including but not limited to:

**Failure of service or your service access device** - if your system access equipment fails or is not configured correctly, or if your VoIP service is not functioning correctly for any reason, including power outages, VoIP service outage, suspension or disconnection of your service due to billing issues, network or Internet congestion, or network or Internet outage in the event of a power, network or Internet outage; you may need to reset or reconfigure the system access equipment before being able to use the VoIP service, including for 911 emergency calls; and changing locations - if you move your system access equipment to a location other than that described in your account information or otherwise on record with Hayneville Telephone Company, Inc and Hayneville Fiber Transport, Inc. d/b/a Camellia Communications.

### **Alternate services**

If you are not comfortable with the limitations of 911 emergency calls, Hayneville

Telephone Company, Inc and Hayneville Fiber Transport, Inc. d/b/a Camellia Communications recommends that you terminate the VoIP services or consider an alternate means for accessing traditional 911 emergency services.

**Inform other users**

You are responsible for notifying, and you agree to notify, any user or potential users of your VoIP services of the nature and limitations of 911 emergency calls on the VoIP services as described herein.

**Liability**

Customers are advised to review Hayneville Telephone Company, Inc and Hayneville Fiber Transport, Inc. d/b/a Camellia Communication respect to company's limitations of liability.