

ATL Newsletter

Tips for Managing Your Toll-Free Numbers

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March 2, 2004 the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit issued its decision in *USTA v. FCC*, the consolidated appeals of the FCC's Triennial Review Order (TRO). The DC Circuit vacated and/or remanded many portions of the TRO, ensuring regulatory uncertainty.

By increasing the cost of access, the ruling could significantly reduce competition in local markets and lead to higher prices for callers, according to competitors of the Bell companies.

James Cicconi, AT&T's general counsel said "This decision is not in the public interest, but is instead in the interest of four Bell monopolies."

Three FCC commissioners and several congressmen are urging an appeal to the Supreme Court which would leave the matter in limbo for one to two years.



SMS DOWNTIMES

The last few weeks have seen more periods of the SMS being out of service or experiencing delays than usual. In a few cases it has meant our being unable to process your requests promptly. When the SMS computer is down, neither we nor any other Resp Org can make any changes and, sometimes, cannot

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even retrieve your records to give you any information.

Saturday, February 28 records were processing, but only after 15-20 minutes – a long time when your customer is out of service or you're standing around waiting to test a change.

Fortunately it doesn't happen too often.



WHO ARE YOU???

I know we covered this before, but we are still getting e-mails such as from joe@yahoo.com ☹

We have 180 clients. If your e-mail address doesn't identify you and your company clearly, please include the name of your company or better yet your AU#. Your AU# is your unique Resp Org ID and can't ever be ambiguous as first names and similar company names can be.



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We're in Sunriver, Oregon, which is the ski resort for Mt. Bachelor. Call us for travel expertise.



RELEASING NUMBERS

We've had several questions recently about what paperwork is necessary to release numbers to another Resp Org. The answer is just an e-mail or fax. If they're your numbers, you can do whatever you want – including disconnect them or give them away.

Be sure you really want to give up control and don't just mean you want the carrier changed.

We've also been asked about releasing to another Resp Org for their perusal and then getting them back. Good luck. Some Resp Orgs have been really good about releasing them back, but a few have not. Another option is giving the Resp Org or carrier a new dummy with your routing.



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