### Marguerite McLean

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From:

GeorgeAnne Muchnok [gam@audithead.com]

Sent:

Monday, February 08, 2010 4:50 PM

To:

Filings@psc.state.fl.us

Subject:

RE: Lakeland Regional Medical Center billing dispute with AT&T

Attachments: Lakeland ATT Billing Dispute.pdf

Hello

I have reformatted the memo to include the attachments.

Thank you

GeorgeAnne

GeorgeAnne Muchnok Senior Telecom Auditor Audithead 412-578-0200 - 724-816-9281 gam@audithead.com

From: Filings@psc.state.fl.us [mailto:Filings@PSC.STATE.FL.US]

Sent: Monday, February 08, 2010 4:02 PM

**To:** gam@audithead.com **Cc:** Marguerite McLean

Subject: FW: Lakeland Regional Medical Center billing dispute with AT&T

Ms. Muchnok:

We have received the attachments referenced in your e-filing below. Please note that per Commission efiling requirements, any cover letter or certificate of service must be included in the electronic document to which it relates, and shall not be submitted as a separate attachment to the email. A link to the Commission's efiling requirements is included for your convenience: <a href="http://www.psc.state.fl.us/dockets/e-filings/">http://www.psc.state.fl.us/dockets/e-filings/</a>

Your filing will need to be revised and resubmitted in order to be eligible for electronic filing.

Please feel free to call our office if you have any questions.

Dorothy Menasco Chief Deputy Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission Office of Commission Clerk 850-413-6770

From: GeorgeAnne Muchnok [mailto:gam@audithead.com]

Sent: Saturday, February 06, 2010 6:05 PM

To: Filings@psc.state.fl.us

Subject: Lakeland Regional Medical Center billing dispute with AT&T

CONTROL NO NUMBER DATE

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To whom it may concern:

The attached memo and attachments document Lakeland Regional Medical Center's billing dispute with AT&T.

If you have any questions about the attach please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your assistance.

## George Anne

GeorgeAnne Muchnok Senior Telecom Auditor Audithead 412-578-0200 - 724-816-9281 gam@audithead.com To: Florida Public Service Commission

From: Lakeland Regional Medical Center, Lakeland FL

Date: January 5, 2010

Re: Billing Dispute with AT&T

Lakeland Regional Medical Center (LRMC) is writing to the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) to help us resolve a billing dispute with AT&T. The original billing error occurred in September of 2007 and persisted until October 15, 2009, when the error was corrected by a Billing Specialist at AT&T, Paulette Carnes (see attached email from Ms. Carnes detailing the billing error). Our dispute with AT&T is, now that we believe the error has been identified unequivocally as incorrect billing by AT&T, they refuse to refund monies that were erroneously billed to LRMC, choosing instead to first stonewall our attempts to correct the issue and most recently to deflect fault by blaming their billing error on unrelated problems.

AT&T is the Long Distance provider for LRMC; we have a Long Distance T1 over which they provide us dedicated long distance and we also have a contracted switched rate for Long Distance usage on POTS lines or PRIs that is PIC'ed to AT&T. LRMC has a local PBX that is programmed to route outbound long distance calls over the AT&T Long DistanceT1 to take advantage of the dedicated rates for long distance. Overflow outbound long distance is routed by the PBX to an available channel on one of 10 PRI circuits that have always been PIC'ed to AT&T (PIC code 5792). This information was verified by Verizon, the provider of the PRI circuits (please see the attached email from Verizon).

Starting in September of 2007, LRMC began receiving bills from AT&T under new Billing Account Numbers (known colloquially as "Rogue BANs") which were separate from the normal BAN. While the bills under the normal BAN averaged approximately \$4,300, both before and during the "Rogue" period, the separate Rogue bills were as high as \$37,000. After significant investigation, culminating in the call with and subsequent email from, Ms. Carnes, the rogue billing issue was identified and resolved. The problem was identified as AT&T erroneously billing LRMC for the overflow usage coming across the Verizon PRIs. AT&T was billing all of this usage as "unguided" at tariff rates when they should have been billing the usage at the contracted switched outbound rates (\$0.059 per minute In-state and \$0.024 per minute interstate).

Our billing dispute with AT&T focuses exclusively on the set of bills we received for switched outbound long distance. The overbilling and calculated credits are shown in the table below. Over the period from September of 2007 through October of 2009, LRMC received 36 bills on seven rogue Billing Account Numbers (BANs) totaling \$228,315.28 (additional detail in the attached spreadsheet titled "Billing Totals"). The usage in these bills was rated anywhere from \$0.10 per minute to \$0.56 per minute. LRMC estimated what those bills should have been if the usage had been rated at the contracted switched outbound rates (additional detail in the attached spreadsheet titled "Rerate Totals"). That calculation came to a total of \$34,271.86, which means that LRMC believes that we were overbilled in the amount of \$194,043.42 (additional detail in the attached spreadsheet titled "Calculated Credit") over the period in question.

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	10/12/2007	\$	8,075.83	\$	1,141.64	\$	6,934.19		
	11/12/2007	\$	8,888.79	\$	1,256.57	\$	7,632.22		
	12/12/2007	\$	7,006.25	\$	990.44	\$	6,015.81		
	1/12/2008	\$	0.46	\$	0.07	\$	0.39		
	2/12/2008	\$	0.46	\$	0.07	\$	0.39		
BAN	854636442								
	12/12/2007	\$	587.45	\$	224.17	\$	363.28		
	1/12/2008	\$	3,824.45	\$	1,459.43	\$	2,365.02		
	2/12/2008	\$	4,722.30	\$	1,802.06	\$	2,920.24		
	3/12/2008	\$	17.17	\$	6.55	\$	10.62		
BAN	854742634								
	2/12/2008	\$	22,223.36	\$	2,500.47	\$	19,722.89		
	3/12/2008	\$	37,051.22	\$	4,168.83	\$	32,882.39		
	4/12/2008	\$	10,735.30	\$	1,207.89	\$	9,527.41		
	5/12/2008	\$	655.29	\$	73.73	\$	581.56		
BAN	854883732								
	5/12/2008	\$	2,101.99	\$	802.13	\$	1,299.86		
	6/12/2008	\$	2,332.49	\$	890.09	\$	1,442.40		
	7/12/2008	\$	1,834.35	\$	700.00	\$	1,134.35		
	8/12/2008	\$	2.85	\$	1.09	\$	1.76		
	10/12/2008	\$	1.27	\$	0.48	\$	0.79		
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	8/12/2008	\$	8,648.18	\$	973.05	\$	7,675.13		
	9/12/2008	\$	8,100.11	\$	911.39	\$	7,188.72		
	10/12/2008	\$	10,023.96	\$	1,127.85	\$	8,896.11		
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	12/12/2008	\$	2,650.40	\$	1,011.41	\$	1,638.99		
	1/12/2009	\$	3,600.66	\$	1,374.03	\$	2,226.63		
	2/12/2009	\$	2,589.17	\$	988.04	\$	1,601.13		
	3/12/2009	\$	2,458.96	\$	938.35	\$	1,520.61		
	4/12/2009	\$	422.10	\$	161.08	\$	261.02		
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	7/12/2009	\$	3,874.07	\$	381.41	\$	3,492.66		
	8/12/2009	\$	2,025.09	\$	199.37	\$	1,825.72		
	10/12/2009	\$	27,902.33	\$	2,747.01	\$	25,155.32		
	Total	\$	228,315.28	\$	34,271.86	\$	194,043,42		

The investigation of the billing error was made more difficult by several factors. First, the AT&T billing system created a new rogue BAN every time the tariff rates changed over the last two years, resulting in seven Rogue BANs each of which carries a different rate for the overflow usage (detailed on the attached spreadsheet). Second, there was a problem on the AT&T Long Distance T1 in which several channels sat in a Remote Call Block condition for months at a time. This condition reduced the capacity of the Long Distance T1 and forced more usage to overflow. Ultimately, however, the Remote Call Block issue is irrelevant to the billing dispute because LRMC is simply requesting that the overflow usage be re-rated to the contracted Switched rate rather than the contracted Dedicated rate.

The supporting documentation attached are the spreadsheets used to calculate the rerated amounts for the period in question, the email from Verizon confirming that the PRI circuits in questions were PIC'ed correctly to 5792 and the email from Ms. Paulette Carnes, Billing Specialist at AT&T, documenting the fact that the overflow usage in question should be rerated. Please note that when Ms. Carnes corrected the billing error in AT&T's TeLD system, the rogue BANs discontinued and the billing reverted back to what it had been in August of 2007 before this problem occurred. Lakeland has copies of the bills from AT&T that are the cause of this dispute, but they are not attached due to their enormous size (often running to hundreds of pages). The disputed bills can be supplied to the Florida Public Service Commission upon request.

Audithead is acting as a consultant to Lakeland Regional Medical Center in this billing dispute, so if the Commission requires any further details, please contact us directly at (412) 578-0200 or via email at gam@audithead.com

Thank you for your consideration of this matter,

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GeorgeAnne Muchnok Senior Telecom Auditor

Audithead, LLC

#### **Dan Muchnok**

Subject:

FW: Lakeland Regional Medical Center

Attachments:

April 2007.pdf

From: Warnke, Kimberley D (Kim) [mailto:kim.warnke@verizonbusiness.com]

Sent: Wednesday, February 03, 2010 4:30 PM To: GeorgeAnne Muchnok; Anne Gallagher Subject: Lakeland Regional Medical Center

#### GeorgeAnne and Anne,

I have confirmed with Verizon's order department that Lakeland's PRI circuits listed below were installed on 02/22/07 with a PIC of 5792. They have remained PIC'd to 5792. Original order number was 10072298. Page 206, line number 115207 of original order shows PRI IXC 5792 IXA 5792. BTN is 8636871100.

#### ISDN-PRI lines:

(863) 687-1100

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#### Parent Account Number F11EM11251105 Hi-Cap Circuits associated with the PRIs:

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I attached the first invoice and as you can see there is only DA long distance on this invoice.

Please let me know exactly what you would like to see from me in order to get this resolved right away.

#### Thanks

#### Kim

Kim Warnke Verizon Business Account Manager 407-541-1754 Office 407-201-1103 Cell

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# **Billing Totals**

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Subject:

FW: LAKELAND REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER CorplD 1279367

From: CARNES, PAULETTE (ATTSBLD)

Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2009 12:57 PM

To: cf1957@asemail.att.com
Cc: CARNES, PAULETTE (ATTSBLD)

Subject: LAKELAND REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER CorpID 1279367

The following BANs built in TeLD incorrectly should have been HVCP under CorpID 1279367 re-rate needs to be submitted via RDS in the amts as following BAN numbers:

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Please call Georgianne A S A P CBR 412-578-0200 and submit RDS request if able for above accounts to be re-rate appropriately Thank you - peace

Paulette Jean Carnes Solution Specialist B AT&T National Mass Markets Rosemont, Illinois 60018 888-516-2272 x7366 9am - 6pm CST 05/259 pc8524



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We have engaged Audithead and the individuals listed below to act on our behalf regarding the submission and administration of a billing dispute between Lakeland Regional Medical Center and AT&T with the Florida Public Service Commission. The aforementioned dispute covers bills received by Lakeland from AT&T for Long Distance services over the period from June 2007 through November 2009. We hereby authorize Audithead to act on our behalf for all purposes relating to this billing dispute. This authorization is irrevocable for the entire time period required to settle the dispute and for a period of 24 months from the date the dispute is resolved.

Company Name:	Lakeland Regional Medical Center		
	(Print)		
Supplier Name:			
Federal ID No. (U.S only):	59-2650456		
Signature:	MCFord	Date:	February 4, 2010
	Mary C. Ford	Title:	Vice President & CIO
	(Print Name)		(Print Title)
Audithead			
Consultants	GeorgeAnne Muchnok / Daniel Muchno	k/John Ta	ylor

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