

FCC Fines Company \$2.9M for Robocalls to Cell Phones

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Tired of annoying robocalls to your cell phone? Not to worry, the FCC is on the case.

The Commission today said it will levy \$2.9 million in fines against Dialing Services, LLC of Roswell, NM.

According to a statement from the FCC, Dialing Service allegedly made numerous illegal “robocalls” to mobile phones. The calls contained prerecorded voice messages on behalf of political campaigns and candidates.

Wireless Week has reached out to Dialing Services for comment and will update this story with its response to the matter.

The FCC said it had previously cited Dialing Services for making more than 4.7 million robocalls to mobile phones without consumer permission during the 2012 election cycle.

Acting Chief of the Enforcement Bureau, Travis LeBlanc, said in a statement that Robocalling cell phones without a consumer’s consent is not only annoying, it is unlawful.

“The FCC is committed to protecting consumers from harassing, intrusive, and unwanted robocalls to cell phones, smart phones, and other mobile devices,” LeBlanc said.

Back in March, the Bureau warned Dialing Services that if the company continued to make unlawful robocalls in the future, it could be held liable for penalties up to \$16,000 per call. The Commission has now found that Dialing Services apparently continued to engage in the same practice, making at least 184 additional robocalls to consumers’ mobile phones.

The \$2,944,000 fine is the maximum penalty for these 184 calls.

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