

PICC (Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier Charge)Key Points of May 19 Memorandum Opinion and Order

On May 19, 1998 the FCC granted Sprint's request for declaratory relief that allows an IXC to terminate PICC liability. According to the ruling, the Carrier may terminate PICC liability on an End User for non payment or tariff violations.

A major provision of the ruling is the Carrier's responsibility to notify each end user of the termination, in accordance "with its tariff requirements." The Carrier is obligated to tell the End User:

- reason for termination (i.e., nonpayment or tariff violation)
- a new PIC must be selected if he/she wants to continue 1+ dialing
- Qwest will assess the PICC charge directly to the end user, until a new PIC is selected

Qwest Procedures

Qwest filed a tariff clarifying our position regarding PICC Liability Termination. Qwest will not require IXCs to send copies of each termination letter mailed to an End User as specified in the Memorandum Opinion and Order of May 19, 1998 regarding PICC Liability Termination, provided the Interexchange Carrier:

- mails a copy of the template letter sent to the End User on Company letterhead
- sends certification letter, per CIC, agreeing to comply with the terms specified in the Memorandum Opinion and Order

Qwest Procedures (cont.)

The certification is found behind Tab 10 of this package. When Qwest receives a template letter that complies with the requirements stated in the Memorandum Opinion and Order of May 19, 1998 as well as a signed, certification letter, the IXC may begin submitting requests to terminate PICC Liability. If the IXC fails to send either the template letter or certification, Qwest will require copies of each PICC Liability Termination letter mailed to the End User.

The template and certification letters must be mailed to Qwest at the following address:

Ms. Shirley Meadows-Brown
Qwest Process Specialist
250 Bell Plaza
Room 1001
Salt Lake, UT 84111
801-239-4209

Qwest must receive the template letter on your company letterhead and the signed certification. When this information is received, a Qwest representative will contact the customer to identify the CIC and ACNA. Once this has been done, the CBSC will be informed to activate the RSS UserID so the IXC can begin their process of PICC Liability Termination.

The UnPIC Change Request Form is described in the Regional Subscription System User Guide.

Time frames

As long as Qwest receives notification of the termination 15 days prior to the date that PICC liability is determined for that month, we will take the necessary steps to cease billing PICC to the IXC.