



April 3, 2020

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED AND EMAIL

To: Muhammad U. Khan VoIP Terminator dba BLMarketing 250 International Pkwy Suite 108 Lake Mary, FL 32746 mkhan@voipterminator.com

Re: Official Correspondence from the Federal Communications Commission and Federal Trade Commission

Dear Mr. Khan,

We have determined that VoIP Terminator dba BLMarketing (VoIP Terminator) is apparently routing and transmitting Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) scam robocall traffic originating from Oberlo Peer BPO. We request that you cease routing and transmitting such traffic immediately.

On March 13, 2020, the President declared a national emergency concerning the COVID-19 outbreak.¹ Fraudsters and unscrupulous actors have taken advantage of this national health crisis to send scam robocalls to consumers across the United States. These unwanted robocalls include offers of HVAC cleaning services that falsely claim will help fight COVID-19. This activity has the potential to inflict severe harm on consumers. Our agencies will aggressively pursue legal action against unlawful robocallers and, where appropriate, pursue legal action against voice providers routing or transmitting such traffic on their networks.²

Investigations conducted by our agencies, in conjunction with the USTelecom Industry Traceback Group, revealed that VoIP Terminator is a gateway voice provider for apparently fraudulent COVID-19 robocalls originating from Oberlo Peer BPO. We will take all necessary and appropriate action to prevent these robocalls from entering U.S. networks.

¹ Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak, The White House (Mar. 13, 2020), <u>https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/proclamation-declaring-national-emergency-concerning-novel-coronavirus-disease-covid-19-outbreak/</u>.

² The Federal Trade Commission recently obtained a temporary restraining order and a preliminary injunction against a VoIP provider, Globex Telecom, for assisting and facilitating illegal robocalls. <u>https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/press-releases/2019/12/court-halts-operations-voip-service-provider-after-ftc-ohio</u>

If after 48 hours of issuance of this letter VoIP Terminator continues to route or transmit harmful robocall traffic from Oberlo Peer BPO, the FCC will authorize other U.S. voice providers to block all calls from VoIP Terminator and take any other steps as needed to prevent further transmission of unlawful calls from VoIP Terminator, and we will evaluate whether further action is appropriate in connection with your activity.

Please direct any inquiries regarding this letter to Kristi Thompson of the FCC at Kristi.thompson@fcc.gov or 202-418-1318 or to Ian Barlow of the FTC at ibarlow@ftc.gov or 202-326-3120.

Sincerely,

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