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PSC Files Comments with FCC Reaffirming Protections for Contractors Under TCPA

Arlington, Va. (July 9, 2018) –The Professional Services Council (PSC) [filed comments](#) with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) reaffirming the protections for federal government contractors under the FCC’s Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) regulations.

The FCC on May 14 [requested additional comments](#) on their rules implementing TCPA, in light of a key decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia in *ACA International v. FCC*. One of the specific comments requested by the FCC addressed a PSC August 4, 2016 [petition](#) urging the Commission to revise the TCPA rule concerning whether contractors must be “agents” of the government in order to obtain protection under the FCC rule. This was the foundation issue in PSC’s prior filings.

“The Supreme Court has made clear that government contractors can and should enjoy the same protections from TCPA liability that the federal government enjoys,” said PSC executive vice president and counsel Alan Chvotkin, who filed the comments with the FCC. “Granting relief to government contractors who are making calls on behalf of the federal government and in accordance with the criteria established in their contracts is fully consistent with Supreme Court precedent. Conversely, imposing an ‘agency’ requirement in order for contractors to qualify for relief is inconsistent with that precedent.”

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