

e.SPIRE COMMUNICATIONS, INC., et al., Case Nos. 01-974 (EIK) through 01-1024(EIK) (Jointly Administered)

CHAPTER 11

Name of Debtor Against Which You Assert Your Claim. Case Number. Your Claim Is Scheduled As Follows:

Note: This form should not be used to make a claim for an administrative expense arising after March 22, 2001, the date of commencement of the Debtors' bankruptcy cases. A request for payment of an administrative expense may be filed pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 503.

Name of Creditor (The person or entity to whom the debtor owes money or property): ESP-9850-BD06 FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION 2540 SHUMARD OAK BLVD TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399-0850

Identify name of creditor, address and person to whom notices must be served (Check box if): [ ] replaces address above [ ] additional address. Telephone Number, Fax Number, Tax Identification or Social Security Number.

Account or Other Number by Which Creditor Identifies Debtor: Check here [ ] replaces if this claim [ ] amends a previously filed claim, dated

1. Basis For Claim: [ ] Goods sold to debtor(s) [ ] Taxes [ ] Retiree benefits as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 1114(a) [ ] Services performed for debtor(s) [ ] Severance agreement [ ] Wages, salaries and compensation (fill out below) [ ] Goods purchased from debtor(s) [ ] Refund [ ] Money loaned [ ] Real property lease [ ] Personal injury/property damage [ ] Personal property lease [ ] Other contract [ ] Other

2. Date Debt Was Incurred: 3. If claim is based on a Court Judgment, Date Obtained:

4 Total amount of prepetition claim that arose on or before March 22, 2001: \$ If all or part of your claim is secured or entitled to priority, also complete Item 5 or 6 below [ ] Check this box if your claim includes interest or other charges in addition to the principal amount of the claim. Attach an itemized statement of all interest or additional charges.

5. Secured Claim: [ ] Check this box if your claim is secured by collateral (including a right of setoff). Brief description of collateral: [ ] Real Estate [ ] Motor Vehicle [ ] Other Value of collateral \$ Amount of arrearage and other charges at time case filed included in secured claim, if any \$ 6. Unsecured Priority Claim: [ ] Check this box if you have an unsecured priority claim Amount entitled to priority \$ Specify the priority of the claim: [ ] Wages, salaries or commissions (up to \$4,300), earned within 90 days before the filing of the bankruptcy petition or cessation of the debtor's business, whichever is earlier - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(3). [ ] Contributions to an employee benefit plan - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4). [ ] Up to \$1,950 of deposits toward purchase, lease or rental of property or services for personal, family or household use - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(6). [ ] Alimony, maintenance or support owed to a spouse, former spouse or child - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7) [ ] Taxes or penalties of governmental units - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8). [ ] Other - specify applicable paragraph of 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)( )

7. Credits: The amount of all payments on account of this claim has been credited and deducted for the purpose of making this proof of claim. Supporting Documents: Attach copies of supporting documents, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, court judgments, mortgages, security agreements and evidence of perfection of lien. DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. If such supporting documents are not available, explain. If the documents are voluminous, attach a summary. Date-Stamped Copy: To receive an acknowledgment of the filing of your claim, enclose a stamped, self-addressed return envelope and copy of this proof of claim.

Sign and print the name and title, if any, of the creditor or other person authorized to file this claim (attach copy of power of attorney, if any): Print Signature

Penalty for presenting fraudulent claim: Fine of up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to five years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152 and 3571. DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE 07066 JUN-58 FRED-RECORDS-REPORTING

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROOF OF CLAIM FORM**

The instructions and definitions below are general explanations of the law. In particular types of cases or circumstances, there may be exceptions to these general rules.

THE ORIGINAL OF THIS PROOF OF CLAIM MUST BE SENT SO THAT IT IS RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE 5:00 P.M., PREVAILING EASTERN TIME, ON JUNE 30, 2001. SEND THE COMPLETED PROOF OF CLAIM FORM BY COURIER SERVICE, HAND DELIVERY OR MAIL TO LOGAN & COMPANY, INC., eSPIRE CLAIMS PROCESSING DEPARTMENT, 546 VALLEY ROAD, UPPER MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY 07043.

FACSIMILE OR E-MAIL SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

PLEASE READ THE PROOF OF CLAIM FORM CAREFULLY AND FILL IT IN COMPLETELY AND ACCURATELY. PRINT LEGIBLY. YOUR CLAIM MAY BE DISALLOWED IF IT CANNOT BE READ AND UNDERSTOOD. THE PROOF OF CLAIM MUST BE COMPLETED IN ENGLISH. THE AMOUNT OF ANY CLAIMS MUST BE AS OF MARCH 22, 2010 AND MUST BE DENOMINATED IN UNITED STATES CURRENCY.

**- DEFINITIONS -****Debtor**

The person, corporation or other entity that has filed a bankruptcy case is called the debtor.

**Creditor**

A creditor is any person, corporation or other entity to whom the debtor owed a debt on the date that the bankruptcy case was filed.

**Proof of Claim**

A form identifying the amount a creditor believes was owed to it by the debtor at the time the bankruptcy case was filed (i.e., the amount of the creditor's claim).

**Secured Claim**

A claim is a secured claim to the extent that the creditor has a lien on property of the debtor (i.e., collateral) that gives the creditor the right to be paid from that property before creditors who do not have liens on the property.

Examples of liens are mortgages on real estate and security interests in cars, trucks, boats, television sets or other items of property. A lien may have been obtained through a court proceeding before the bankruptcy case began, in some states a court judgment is a lien. In addition, to the extent a creditor also owes money to the debtor (i.e., has a right of setoff), the creditor's claim may be a secured claim. (See also *Unsecured Claim*.)

**Unsecured Claim**

If a claim is not a secured claim, it is an unsecured claim. A claim may be partly secured and partly unsecured if the property on which a creditor has a lien does not have sufficient value to satisfy the creditor in full.

**Unsecured Priority Claim**

Certain types of unsecured claims are given priority under the Bankruptcy Code and are paid in bankruptcy cases before most other unsecured claims (if there is sufficient money or property available to pay these claims). The most common types of priority claims are listed on the proof of claim form. Unsecured claims that are not specifically given priority status by the bankruptcy laws are classified as *Unsecured Nonpriority Claims*.

**ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED IN PROOF OF CLAIM FORM (IF NOT ALREADY FILLED IN)****Name of Debtor and Case Number:**

Fill in the name of the Debtor against which you assert a claim, as well as the Case Number applicable to such Debtor. The Debtors' Names and Case Numbers are listed below:

e.Spire Communications, Inc.  
e.Spire Finance Corporation  
e.Spire Leasing Corporation  
e.SpireDATA, Inc.  
Cybergate, Inc.  
Floridonet, Inc.  
ACSI Local Switched Services of Virginia, Inc.  
ACSI Local Switched Services, Inc.  
ACSI Long Distance, Inc.  
ACSI Network Technologies, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Albuquerque, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Amarillo, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Atlanta, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Austin, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Baton Rouge, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Birmingham, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Charleston, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Chattanooga, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Colorado Springs, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Columbia, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Columbus, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Corpus Christi, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Dallas, Inc.  
American Communication Services of D.C., Inc.  
American Communication Services of El Paso, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Fort Worth, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Greenville, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Irving, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Jackson, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Jacksonville, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Kansas City, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Las Vegas, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Lexington, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Little Rock, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Louisiana, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Louisville, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Maryland, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Miami, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Mobile, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Montgomery, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Pima County, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Rio Rancho, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Roanoke, Inc.  
American Communication Services of San Antonio, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Savannah, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Shreveport, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Spartanburg, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Tampa, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Tulsa, Inc.  
American Communication Services of Virginia, Inc.  
American Communications Services International, Inc.

Case No. 01-974 (EIK)  
Case No. 01-975 (EIK)  
Case No. 01-976 (EIK)  
Case No. 01-977 (EIK)  
Case No. 01-978 (EIK)  
Case No. 01-979 (EIK)  
Case No. 01-980 (EIK)  
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Case No. 01-1020 (EIK)  
Case No. 01-1021 (EIK)  
Case No. 01-1022 (EIK)  
Case No. 01-1023 (EIK)  
Case No. 01-1024 (EIK)

**Information about Creditor:**

Complete the section giving the name, address, telephone number, fax number and tax identification number or social security number of the creditor to whom the debtor owes money or property, and the debtor's account number, if any. If anyone else has already filed a proof of claim relating to this debt, or if this proof of claim replaces or changes a proof of claim that was already filed, check the appropriate box on the form.

**1. Basis for Claim:**

Check the type of debt for which the proof of claim is being filed. If the type of debt is not listed, check "Other" and briefly describe the type of debt. If you were an employee of the debtor, fill in your social security number and the dates of work for which you were not paid.

**2. Date Debt Incurred:**

Fill in the date when the debt first was owed by the debtor.

**3. Court Judgments:**

If you have a court judgment for this debt, state the date the court entered the judgment.

**4. Total Amount of Claim at Time Case Filed:**

Fill in the amount of the entire claim. If interest or other charges in addition to the principal amount of the claim are included, check the appropriate place on the form and attach an itemization of the interest and charges.

**5. Secured Claim**

Check the appropriate place if the claim is a secured claim. You must state the type and value of property that is collateral for the claim, attach copies of the documentation of your lien, and state the amount past due on the claim as of the date the bankruptcy case was filed. A claim may be partly secured and partly unsecured. (See DEFINITIONS above).

**6. Unsecured Priority Claim**

Check the appropriate place if you have an unsecured priority claim and state the amount entitled to priority. (See DEFINITIONS above). A claim may be partly a priority claim and partly a nonpriority claim if, for example, the claim is in an amount exceeding the amount given priority by the law. Check the appropriate place to specify the type of priority claim.

**7. Credits:**

By signing this proof of claim, you are stating under oath that, in calculating the amount of your claim, you have given the debtor credit for all payments received from the debtor or for other credits earned by the debtor.

**8. Supporting Documents:**

You must attach to this proof of claim form copies of documents that show the debtor owes the debt claimed or that any asserted security interests have been perfected. If these documents are too lengthy, a summary of such documents must be provided. If documents are not available attach a statement explaining why they are not available.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

NOTICE OF CLAIMS BAR DATE

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In re: :  
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E.SPIRE COMMUNICATIONS, INC., : :  
E.SPIRE FINANCE CORPORATION, : Chapter 11  
E.SPIRE LEASING CORPORATION, : :  
E.SPIREDATA, INC., CYBERGATE, INC., : :  
FLORIDANET, INC., ACSI LOCAL : Case Nos. 01-974 thru 01-1024 (EIK)  
SWITCHED SERVICES OF VIRGINIA, INC., : :  
ACSI LOCAL SWITCHED SERVICES, INC., : :  
ACSI LONG DISTANCE, INC., ACSI : Jointly Administered  
NETWORK TECHNOLOGIES, INC., : :  
AMERICAN COMMUNICATION SERVICES : :  
OF ALBUQUERQUE, INC., AMERICAN : :  
COMMUNICATION SERVICES OF : :  
AMARILLO, INC., AMERICAN : :  
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ATLANTA, INC., AMERICAN : :  
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AUSTIN, INC., AMERICAN : :  
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BATON ROUGE, INC., AMERICAN : :  
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BIRMINGHAM, INC., AMERICAN : :  
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SERVICES OF EL PASO, INC., AMERICAN : :  
COMMUNICATION SERVICES OF FORT : :  
WORTH, INC., AMERICAN COMMUNICATION : :  
SERVICES OF GREENVILLE, INC., : :  
AMERICAN COMMUNICATION SERVICES : :  
OF IRVING, INC., AMERICAN : :

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 COMMUNICATION SERVICES OF KANSAS :  
 CITY, INC., AMERICAN COMMUNICATION :  
 SERVICES OF LAS VEGAS, INC., AMERICAN :  
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 COUNTY, INC., AMERICAN :  
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 RANCHO, INC., AMERICAN :  
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 ROANOKE, INC., AMERICAN :  
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 VIRGINIA, INC., AMERICAN :  
 COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES :  
 INTERNATIONAL, INC., :

Debtors.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on May 16, 2001, the Honorable Erwin I. Katz entered an order (the "Order") in the cases of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (the "Debtors") setting a bar date of June 30, 2001 for filing proofs of claim.

1. For purposes of this Notice, "Claim" shall mean (a) right to payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured or unsecured; or (b) right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right to payment, whether or not such right to an equitable remedy is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured or unsecured.

2. The following creditors **NEED NOT FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM:** any person or entity, including, without limitation, individuals, partnerships, corporations, estates, trusts and governmental units (collectively "Party" or "Parties") whose Claim is listed as "fixed," "liquidated" or "undisputed" in the Debtors' schedules of assets and liabilities (the "Schedules") and who agrees with the amount and classification of the Claim as set forth therein. If you wish to determine whether you need to file a Claim, you should check the Schedules. The Schedules may be inspected at the office of the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court, 824 North Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, during its ordinary business hours or at the offices of the attorneys for the Debtors upon reasonable request.

Further, a creditor does not need to file a proof of claim if (a) that creditor has properly filed a proof of claim with the Bankruptcy Court prior to the date of this notice, or (b) the creditor's Claim has previously been allowed specifically by order of the Bankruptcy Court.

3. All Parties who have a Claim against the Debtor that arose prior to March 22, 2001, except those parties described in Paragraph 2 and except governmental units (as defined in section 101(27) of the of the Bankruptcy Code) ("Governmental Units") **MUST, ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2001 (THE "GENERAL BAR DATE") FILE PROOFS OF CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTORS.**

4. Each Governmental Unit must file its proof of claim prior to or on September 24, 2001 (the "Governmental Unit Bar Date", and together with the General Bar Date, the "Bar Date"). Governmental Units holding claims that are not filed prior to or on the Governmental Unit Bar Date shall be, and hereby are, enjoined from (a) asserting such claims against the Debtors or their estates; and (b) voting on, or receiving distributions under, any plan of reorganization of the Debtors.

5. If you own or hold any of the Debtors' stock or other equity securities (whether preferred or common stock), you need not file a proof of interest solely on account of your ownership interest or possession of such equity securities.

6. If you wish to submit a rejection damages claim arising from the Debtors' rejection during these chapter 11 cases of an executory contract or unexpired lease, such proof of claim must be filed by the later of (a) thirty days after the date of the Bankruptcy Court's order authorizing the rejection of such contract or lease or (b) the Bar Date. Any other claims arising before the Petition Date under any leases or contracts of the Debtors must be filed by the Bar Date.

7. If you have not already received a proof of claim form for these bankruptcy cases, please request a copy by writing the Claims Agent at the address listed below. An original proof of claim must be received by the Claims Agent in these cases on or before 5:00 p.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time) on the Bar Date at the following address:

LOGAN & COMPANY, INC.  
546 Valley Road  
Upper Montclair, NJ 07043

Proofs of claim will be deemed filed only when actually received at the above address. You need to file an original of each proof of claim. If you would like a date-stamped copy of your proof of claim, please provide an extra copy with a self-addressed, stamped return envelope. Do not file or send copies of claims to the office of the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court or to the Bankruptcy Judge.

**8. ANY PARTY WHO FAILS TO FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM ON OR BEFORE THE BAR DATE SHALL BE BARRED, ESTOPPED AND ENJOINED FROM EVER (A) ASSERTING CLAIMS THAT SUCH PARTY POSSESSED AGAINST THE DEBTORS; AND (B) VOTING UPON, OR RECEIVING DISTRIBUTIONS UNDER, ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION.**

9. The Debtors reserves the right to dispute, or to assert offsets or defenses to any Claim reflected on the Schedules as to amount, liability, classification or otherwise and to designate subsequently any Claim as disputed, contingent, unliquidated or undetermined; provided, however, that if the Debtors amends its Schedules to designate a Claim as disputed, contingent, unliquidated or undetermined, or to change the amount of a Claim reflected thereon, then, and in such event, upon further order of this Court, the affected Creditor shall be granted a reasonable time to file a proof of claim. Nothing set forth herein shall be deemed to preclude the Debtors from objecting to any Claim, whether scheduled or filed, on any grounds.

QUESTIONS. Questions concerning this notice shall be directed to Logan & Company, Inc. at (973) 509-3190

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