

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

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FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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In re:)	Chapter 11
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FOCAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, <u>et al.</u> , ¹)	Case No. 02-13709 (KJC)
)	(Jointly Administered)
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Debtors.)	

NOTICE OF DEADLINE TO FILE PROOFS OF CLAIM AGAINST IN:

- FOCAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION**
- FOCAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION OF CALIFORNIA**
- FOCAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION OF COLORADO**
- FOCAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION OF CONNECTICUT**
- FOCAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION OF FLORIDA**
- FOCAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION OF GEORGIA**
- FOCAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION OF ILLINOIS**
- FOCAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION OF MASSACHUSETTS**
- FOCAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION OF MICHIGAN**
- FOCAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION OF THE MID-ATLANTIC**
- FOCAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION OF MINNESOTA**
- FOCAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION OF MISSOURI**
- FOCAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION OF NEW ENGLAND**
- FOCAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION OF NEW JERSEY**
- FOCAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION OF NEW YORK**
- FOCAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION OF OHIO**
- FOCAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION OF PENNSYLVANIA**
- FOCAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION OF TEXAS**
- FOCAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA**
- FOCAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION OF WASHINGTON**
- FOCAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION OF WISCONSIN**
- FOCAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.**
- FOCAL INTERNATIONAL CORP.**
- FOCAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION**
- FOCAL EQUIPMENT FINANCE, LLC**
- FOCAL FIBER LEASING, LLC**

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¹ The Debtors are the following entities: Focal Communications Corporation, Focal Communications Corporation of California, Focal Communications Corporation of Colorado, Focal Communications Corporation of Connecticut, Focal Communications Corporation of Florida, Focal Communications Corporation of Georgia, Focal Communications Corporation of Illinois, Focal Communications Corporation of Massachusetts, Focal Communications Corporation of Michigan, Focal Communications Corporation of the Mid-Atlantic, Focal Communications Corporation of Minnesota, Focal Communications Corporation of Missouri, Focal Communications Corporation of New England, Focal Communications Corporation of New Jersey, Focal Communications Corporation of New York, Focal Communications Corporation of Ohio, Focal Communications Corporation of Pennsylvania, Focal Communications Corporation of Texas, Focal Communications Corporation of Virginia, Focal Communications Corporation of Washington, Focal Communications Corporation of Wisconsin, Focal Financial Services, Inc., Focal International Corp., Focal Telecommunications Corporation, Focal Equipment Finance, LLC and Focal Fiber Leasing, LLC

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TO ALL CREDITORS, EQUITY HOLDERS, GOVERNMENTAL UNITS & OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST WHO MIGHT WISH TO ASSERT CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS REFERENCED ABOVE:

1. On December 19, 2002, (the "Petition Date"), the Debtors filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court").

2. By order of the Court (the "Order"), the Court has established certain deadlines for the filing of claims against (sometimes referred to as bar dates) the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession.

3. The Order provides, in substance, that the bar date for all entities, excluding governmental units (as that term is defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27)), that hold claims against the Debtors, which arose prior to the Petition Date, to file proof(s) of claim in these chapter 11 cases has been fixed as **March 31, 2003, at 4:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time** (the "Bar Date"). The Order also provides that the bar date for governmental units that hold claims against in the Debtors, which arose prior to the Petition Date, to file proof(s) of claim in these chapter 11 cases has been fixed as **June 18, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time** (the "Government Bar Date" and, together with the Bar Date, the "Bar Dates").

4. EACH HOLDER OF A CLAIM WHO IS REQUIRED BUT FAILS TO FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM BY THE RESPECTIVE BAR DATE SHALL BE FOREVER BARRED FROM ASSERTING SUCH CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTORS AND THEIR PROPERTY IN CONNECTION WITH ANY PLAN(S) OF REORGANIZATION OR LIQUIDATION, AND FROM VOTING UPON, OR PARTICIPATING IN ANY DISTRIBUTION UNDER, ANY PLAN(S) OF REORGANIZATION OR LIQUIDATION OF THE DEBTORS, BUT SHALL NEVERTHELESS BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF THE PLAN CONFIRMED BY THIS COURT.

5. Proofs of claim must be filed by persons (i) whose claims are not listed on the Debtors' schedules of assets and liabilities (the "Schedules") filed with the Court on or about January 28, 2003; (ii) whose claims are listed on the Schedules as contingent, unliquidated or disputed; (iii) who dispute the amount and/or priority of their claims as listed on the Schedules; or (iv) who dispute the manner in which their claims are listed on the Schedules. All other entities may, but need not, file a proof of claim. If scheduled, the amount and nature of how you have been scheduled, may be listed on the enclosed form.

6. The Bar Dates shall apply to all claims of whatever character against the Debtors or their property, whether secured, unsecured, or priority claims, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed or contingent. The Bar Dates shall not extend to (i) claims already filed in this proceeding (see following paragraph 7), (ii) administrative claims of professionals retained pursuant to a Court order, (iii) claims for which specific deadlines have previously been fixed by the Court, and (iv) claims arising from goods or services provided to the Debtors subsequent to the Petition Date.

7. Any entity who has already properly filed a proof of claim need not file another proof of claim, and any proof of claim filed with the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court by the applicable Bar Date shall be deemed to be, and shall be, treated as, a properly filed proof of claim subject to the rights of the Debtors or any party to object to the allowance thereof.

Lease and Contract Rejection Claims

8. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, the claims deadline for any person or entity whose claim arises from, or as a consequence of, the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease ("Rejection Claims") shall be as follows: (a) if the Court has entered a specific order fixing the date by which such Rejection Claim must be filed, then that order shall govern; and (b) if the Court has not entered a specific order fixing the date by which such Rejection Claim must be filed, then the claims deadline for that Rejection Claim shall be the later of (i) the applicable Bar Date or (ii) thirty (30) days from the date of service of the order approving the rejection of said contract or lease.

A CLAIMANT SHOULD CONSULT AN ATTORNEY REGARDING ANY INQUIRIES, SUCH AS WHETHER THE CLAIMANT SHOULD FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM.

A PROOF OF CLAIM WILL BE DEEMED FILED ONLY WHEN THE ORIGINAL, SIGNED PROOF OF CLAIM IS ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY DONLIN, RECANO & COMPANY, INC. ("DONLIN RECANO") BY OR BEFORE THE BAR DATE. PROOFS OF CLAIM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OR TELECOPY.

YOU MUST SPECIFY THE DEBTOR AGAINST WHICH YOU ARE ASSERTING A CLAIM. IF YOU WISH TO FILE A CLAIM AGAINST MORE THAN ONE DEBTOR, A SEPARATE CLAIM FORM MUST BE FILED WITH RESPECT TO EACH DEBTOR AGAINST WHICH YOU ARE ASSERTING A CLAIM.

All Proofs of Claim should conform substantially to Form No. 10 of the Official Bankruptcy Forms (or use the form enclosed with this notice, which is modeled on that form). If you wish to file a claim against **Focal Communications Corporation or any of the other Debtors listed at the beginning of this Notice**, send to the appropriate address listed below:

IF SENT BY U.S. MAIL, SEND TO:

Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc
As Agent for the United States Bankruptcy Court
Re: Focal Communications Corporation, et al.
P.O. Box 2037, Murray Hill Station
New York, NY 10156

IF SENT BY OVERNIGHT COURIER, OR BY HAND SEND TO:

Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc
As Agent for the United States Bankruptcy Court
Re: Focal Communications Corporation, et al.
419 Park Avenue South, Suite 1206
New York, NY 10016

DONLIN RECANO MAY BE CONTACTED AT (212) 771-1128 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00 A.M. AND 4:00 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FOR ASSISTANCE IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE FILING OR PROCESSING OF A PROOF OF CLAIM. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE STAFF OF DONLIN RECANO IS NOT PERMITTED TO GIVE LEGAL ADVICE. A CLAIMANT SHOULD CONSULT AN ATTORNEY REGARDING ANY OTHER INQUIRIES SUCH AS WHETHER THEY SHOULD FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

PROOF OF CLAIM

IN RE: FOCAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, ET AL.

02-13709(KJC)

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DEBTOR:

CASE NUMBER:

NOTE: This form should not be used to make a claim for an administrative expense arising after the commencement of the case. A "request" for payment of an administrative expense may be filed pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 503.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR (the person or entity to whom the debtor owes money or property). If address is incorrect, please insert correct address.

003429-0181-003A
 FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
 2540 SHUMARD OAK BLVD.
 TALLAHASSEE FL 32399



Phone Number:

Check box if you are aware that anyone else has filed a proof of claim relating to your claim. Attach copy of statement giving particulars.

Check box if you have never received any notices in this case.

Check box if the address differs from the address on the envelope sent to you by the Bankruptcy Court.

You have received this form because you have a past relationship with the Debtors. The Debtors do not believe you are owed any money and **YOU HAVE NOT BEEN SCHEDULED**. IF YOU DISAGREE, A PROOF OF CLAIM MUST BE FILED in order to recover any distribution from the Debtors' estate. If you have any questions, please consult your attorney.

ACCOUNT OR OTHER NUMBER BY WHICH CREDITOR IDENTIFIES DEBTOR:

Check here if this claim: replaces amends a previously filed claim dated _____

1. BASIS FOR CLAIM:

- Goods sold
- Services performed
- Money loaned
- Personal injury/wrongful death
- Taxes
- Other (Describe briefly) _____

- Retiree benefits as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 1114(a)
- Wages, salaries, and compensation (Fill out below)
 Your social security number _____
 Unpaid compensation for services performed
 from _____ (date) to _____ (date)

2. DATE DEBT WAS INCURRED:

3. IF COURT JUDGMENT, DATE OBTAINED:

If all or part of your claim is secured or entitled to priority, also complete Item 5 or 6 below.
 Check this box if claim includes interest or other charges in addition to the principal amount

\$ _____
(Total)

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 \$4,650*), earned within 90 days before 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 \$2,100* 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)(_____).

* Amounts are subject to adjustment on 4/1/04 and every 3 years thereafter with respect to cases commenced on or after the date of adjustment.

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Debtor Name	Case No.	Tax ID No.
Focal Communications Corporation	02-13709	36-4167094
Focal Communications Corporation of California	02-13717	36-4128832
Focal Communications Corporation of Colorado	02-13720	36-4246239
Focal Communications Corporation of Connecticut	02-13722	36-4476523
Focal Communications Corporation of Florida	02-13725	36-4202978
Focal Communications Corporation of Georgia	02-13727	36-4246246
Focal Communications Corporation of Illinois	02-13729	36-4081278
Focal Communications Corporation of Massachusetts	02-13731	36-4128824
Focal Communications Corporation of Michigan	02-13732	36-4203095
Focal Communications Corporation of the Mid-Atlantic	02-13734	36-4197370
Focal Communications Corporation of Minnesota	02-13736	36-4287773
Focal Communications Corporation of Missouri	02-13738	36-4246247
Focal Communications Corporation of New England	02-13739	81-0577918
Focal Communications Corporation of New Jersey	02-13741	36-4128826
Focal Communications Corporation of New York	02-13737	36-4128831
Focal Communications Corporation of Ohio	02-13742	36-4244644
Focal Communications Corporation of Pennsylvania	02-13724	36-4187401
Focal Communications Corporation of Texas	02-13728	36-4246248
Focal Communications Corporation of Virginia	02-13743	36-4197372
Focal Communications Corporation of Washington	02-13735	36-4202514
Focal Communications Corporation of Wisconsin	02-13740	36-4244645
Focal Equipment Finance, LLC	02-13730	36-4386768
Focal Fiber Leasing, LLC	02-13733	36-4400227
Focal Financial Services, Inc	02-13711	36-4260494
Focal International Corporation	02-13723	36-4308954
Focal Telecommunications Corporation	02-13745	36-4128833

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROOF OF CLAIM FORM

The instructions and definitions below are general explanations of the law. In particular types of cases or circumstances, such as bankruptcy cases that are not filed voluntarily by a debtor, there may be exceptions to these general rules.

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 telling the bankruptcy court how much the debtor owed a creditor at the time the bankruptcy case was filed (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 (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 a mortgage on real estate and a security interest in a car, truck, boat, television set, or other item 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 (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 is not worth enough to pay the creditor in full.

Unsecured Priority Claim

Certain types of unsecured claims are given priority, so they are to be 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:

A complete list of Debtors with corresponding case numbers is listed above. You **MUST** fill in the specific Debtor against which your claim is being asserted. If you are asserting claims against more than one Debtor, you **MUST** file a separate proof of claim for each Debtor.

INFORMATION ABOUT CREDITOR:

Complete the section giving the name, address, and telephone 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, if you never received notices from the bankruptcy court about this case, if your address differs from that to which the court sent notice, 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 total 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 priority and partly nonpriority if, for example, the claim is for more than 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.

8. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

You must attach to this proof of claim form copies of documents that show the debtor owes the debt claimed or, if the documents are too lengthy, a summary of those documents. If documents are not available, you must attach an explanation of why they are not available.