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Background

Lindsey Communications Internet users should understand the rights, responsibilities and the serious liability risks involved in sharing copyrighted files over the Internet without the owner's permission. The [Recording Industry Association of America \(RIAA\)](#) and the [Motion Picture Association of America](#) have taken legal action against "Peer-to-Peer" (P2P) services, like Grokster, Kazaa and eDonkey, and have also sued P2P users for sharing files that association members own.

What You Should Know

If you have received an email or letter from Lindsey Communications stating that your identity has been sought by RIAA or the MPAA, you should treat the matter seriously and take prompt action. Any customer who receives a notice letter and who does not want his or her personal information turned over should promptly consult an attorney familiar with copyright law. An attorney may be able file a motion with the court to raise objections without identifying your name. This, however, must be done before Lindsey Communications is required to give the information.

Once a customer's identity is given, we understand that RIAA and the MPAA's past practices have been to contact the individual with a settlement demand before proceeding further with litigation wherever RIAA or the MPAA determines is appropriate. To date, RIAA has reportedly sued over 10,000 Doe defendants. We understand that a number of these defendants have reached settlements with RIAA and that several hundred have been sued individually after refusing to settle. MPAA has sued a lesser number of individuals but has followed a similar practice.

There are a number of Internet web sites that sell recorded music lawfully and safely. We encourage our customers to use these web sites.

Position of Lindsey Communications:

As a telecommunications company providing a wide range of services, Lindsey Communications places a high value on customer privacy. Our online privacy policy is detailed on our web site to all customers. Respecting customer privacy does not mean that we endorse copying without permission, and we try to inform and educate our customers on safe and proper use of the Internet. Copyright infringement suits are just one of the hazards that can result from misuse of the Internet. Lindsey Communications encourages its customers to be knowledgeable about the Internet, to use it wisely and to respect the rights of others.

Lindsey Communications acknowledges the rights of copyright holders to protect their copyrighted material. We also respect our responsibility to comply with court-ordered subpoenas to identify persons accused of breaking the law. When or if Lindsey Communications receives a valid subpoena or court order requesting identifying information on customers who may be using Lindsey Communications services to perform illegal acts, Lindsey Communications must comply. Lindsey Communications does reserve the right to raise questions when the law is unclear. If we are required to turn over the information requested, Lindsey Communications will do so.