

If You Own or Owned Land Under or Next to Railroad Rights of Way Where Fiber-Optic Cable Was Installed

You Could Receive Money from a Class Action Settlement

State-by-state Settlements have been reached in class action lawsuits challenging the installation of fiber-optic cable within railroad Rights of Way. Under the Settlements, Sprint, Qwest, WilTel, or Level 3 Communications (together called the "Defendants") will pay valid claims for persons in 24 states who own or owned land next to or under railroad Rights of Way where fiber-optic cable owned by Sprint, Qwest, WilTel, or Level 3 Communications is buried.

Who Is Included?

Class Members include current or previous owners of land next to or under a railroad Right of Way at any time since the cable was installed in the 24 states listed below.

To find where the Rights of Way included in the Settlements are located and when fiber-optic cable was installed in a particular Right of Way, visit www.FiberOpticSettlements.com. If you still have questions, call 1-800-378-1670.

What Are the Proposed Settlement Terms?

Class Members who submit a valid claim will receive cash based on factors that include:

- (a) the length of the Right of Way where the cable is installed,
- (b) the length of time they owned the property, and
- (c) whether the Right of Way was created by a federal land grant.

The Settlements provide Defendants with a permanent Telecommunications Easement. The Easement will grant any rights the Defendants don't already have to use the Rights of Way for Telecommunications Facilities.

What Are Class Member Rights?

- If you stay in the Class, you will have an opportunity to claim cash benefits. You will be bound by the decisions of the Court. You can't sue Defendants or the railroads in the future for any claims in this lawsuit, and a Telecommunications Easement will be granted on the railroad Right of Way next to or through your property. If you think you are a member of the Class, but did not receive a mailed notice, call 1-800-378-1670.
- You can exclude yourself from the Class. This means you cannot file a claim for cash benefits but will keep the right to sue the Defendants in the future.
- If you stay in the Class, you can object to all or part of the Settlement in a state where you own or owned property.
- Exclusions and objections must be filed in writing by **September 14, 2012**.

Who Represents Class Members?

Class Counsel have been appointed by the Court to represent you. They will request an award of attorneys' fees, which will vary by state, to be paid by Defendants. If you wish, you or your own attorney may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. See the website for more information on attorneys' fees.

Will an Approval Hearing Be Held?

Approval hearings will be held in each state for which there is a Settlement. Refer to the chart below for the dates of each hearing. Please visit the website or call the toll-free number to find out the time and location of the hearing in the state where your property is.

Dates of Final Approval Hearings

Arkansas	12/6/12	Maryland	11/30/12	North Carolina	12/13/12
Colorado	12/19/12	Michigan	11/5/12	Oklahoma	11/19/12
Delaware	12/7/12	Minnesota	11/9/12	Utah	1/14/13
Florida	11/7/12	Mississippi	1/16/13	Vermont	11/9/12
Georgia	12/5/12	Missouri	1/15/13	Virginia	11/7/12
Indiana	11/16/12	Nebraska	11/20/12	West Virginia	11/26/12
Iowa	12/7/12	New Jersey	11/14/12	Wisconsin	12/13/12
Kansas	11/14/12	New York	11/15/12	Wyoming	1/8/13

For More Information:

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