



DMCA Explanation

The [Digital Millennium Copyright Act](#) (“DMCA”), signed into law on October 28, 1998, amended the United States Copyright Act, Title 17 of the U.S. Code, to provide in part certain limitations on the liability of online service providers (“OSPs”) for copyright infringement. [Subsection 512\(c\)](#) of the Copyright Act provides limitations on service provider liability for storage, at the direction of a user, of copyrighted material residing on a system or network controlled or operated by or for the service provider, if, among other things, the service provider has designated an agent to receive notifications of claimed infringement by providing contact information to the Copyright Office and by posting such information on the service provider’s website in a location accessible to the public. In accordance with the DMCA, BEK has filed with the United States Copyright Office the necessary agent of notification information. The DMCA permits copyright owners to notify BEK if they believe a BEK customer has infringed their work(s). When BEK receives a notice from a copyright owner, BEK will notify the identified customer of the alleged infringement claim by providing them a copy of the notice. BEK must respond expeditiously to notices of claimed copyright infringement and will take all necessary steps to suspend and terminate users or account holders who are “repeat infringers” as required by law.

Procedure for Submitting Claims

BEK has registered a designated third-party agent, Subsentio, LLC, to receive notices of claimed copyright infringement with the U.S. Copyright Office. Under DMCA, copyright owners have the right to notify BEK if they believe a BEK customer has infringed the copyright owner's work(s). If copyright owners believe a BEK customer has utilized their work that constitutes copyright infringement, copyright owners may file a Notification of Claimed Infringement with BEK’s designated copyright agent. Send your Notification of Claimed Infringement on BEK to:

BEK’s Designated Agent:

Subsentio, LLC
14900 Bogle Drive
Suite 101
Chantilly, VA 20151
Telephone Number: 877-510-4357, Opt 3
Email address: DMCA@bektel.coop

BEK Communications Cooperative is located at 200 East Broadway, Steele, ND 58482 and may be reached via 701-475-2361, www.bektel.com or bekcomm@bektel.com

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