

**Press Release****COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST NATIONAL GRID FOR RETAINING DEBT COLLECTORS TO CALL CONSUMERS' CELLULAR TELEPHONES**

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On March 9, 2015 Tusa P.C., filed a proposed class action on behalf of consumers who were subjected to unlawful telephone calls to their cellular telephones made by debt collectors retained by National Grid and its affiliates. National Grid provides natural gas or electric services to approximately 7 million customers in New York and New England. The suit names defendants National Grid USA, National Grid North America, National Grid Generation LLC, New England Power Company, Massachusetts Electric Company, The Narragansett Electric Company, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, Niagara Mohawk Holdings, Inc., Boston Gas Company, Keyspan Gas Corporation, Keyspan Corporation, The Brooklyn Union Gas Company, British Transco Finance Inc. and National Grid PLC. Among the debt collectors retained by the National Grid companies are NCO Financial Systems, Mercantile Adjustment Bureau, and possibly others.

The suit filed by Tusa P.C. on behalf of its client alleges that National Grid violated the federal Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA). Under the TCPA, it is unlawful to call a cellular telephone using an automatic telephone dialing system or an artificial or pre-recorded voice, unless the consumer has provided their prior express consent to do so. It is alleged that the debt collectors hired by National Grid did not have the consumers' express consent, but called consumers' cellular telephones anyway to collect alleged debts.

“The challenged conduct is not only unlawful, but also harassing and bothersome to consumers,” said Joseph Tusa, counsel for the plaintiff and the principle attorney at Tusa P.C. “The suit attempts to require National Grid to comply with the TCPA and to compensate consumers for prior and possibly ongoing violations,” he continued.

If you have been a victim of these or similar practices by National Grid or any of the named defendants or debt collectors retained by the defendants during the past four years, please contact us by email at [info@tpcnylaw.com](mailto:info@tpcnylaw.com) or on our website [www.tpcnylaw.com/national-grid.html](http://www.tpcnylaw.com/national-grid.html) or by telephone at (631) 407-5100.

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