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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### CONSUMER AFFAIRS ISSUES ALERT ABOUT SECURITY BREACH

**Columbia, SC.....** Network Solutions, LLC, in compliance with the Financial Identity Fraud and Identity Theft Protection Act, has notified the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs of a security breach that may have affected 6,633 South Carolina consumers between March 12, 2009, and June 8, 2009.

Network Solutions provides e-commerce systems to small- and middle-sized businesses. The company began notifying consumers on July 24, 2009, that the following personal information may have been compromised during online transactions with specified merchants during the affected time period:

- Cardholder names
- Billing addresses
- Credit card account numbers
- Security codes
- Expiration dates

According to Network Solutions, the breach, which was discovered on July 13, 2009, occurred when “an unknown actor intentionally diverted certain data that passed through the Network Solutions e-commerce servers to a location outside our company.” Consumers, who may have been affected, should expect a letter from TransUnion that provides details about the security breach, the name of the business where the consumer’s transaction may have been compromised, and instructions on receiving a free 12-month credit monitoring service, compliments of Network Solutions.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO BUSINESSES AND PUBLIC BODIES

Effective July 1, 2009, South Carolina’s Financial Identity Fraud and Identity Theft Protection Act requires businesses and public bodies to report any security breach to the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs where 1,000 or more South Carolina consumers may have been affected.

For more information, contact the Public Information Division at 803.734.4296, toll free at 1.800.922.1594 or online at [www.scconsumer.gov](http://www.scconsumer.gov).

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