

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Revision of ARMIS Annual Summary Report)	
(FCC Report 43-01), ARMIS USOA Report)	
(FCC Report 43-02), ARMIS Joint Cost Report)	
(FCC Report 43-03), ARMIS Access Report)	
(FCC Report 43-04), ARMIS Service Quality)	AAD 95-91
Report (FCC Report 43-05), ARMIS Customer)	CC Docket No. 86-182
Satisfaction Report (FCC Report 43-06),)	
ARMIS Infrastructure Report (FCC Report 43-07),)	
ARMIS Operating Data Report (FCC Report 43-08),)	
ARMIS Forecast of Investment Usage Report)	
(FCC Report 495A), and ARMIS Actual Usage of)	
Investment Report (FCC Report 495B) for Certain)	
Class A and Tier 1 Telephone Companies)	

ORDER

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By the Chief, Accounting Safeguards Division:

I. INTRODUCTION

1. In this Order, we revise several of the Automated Reporting Management Information System (ARMIS) reports¹ to implement recent Commission orders.² In addition, we clarify definitions and descriptions in these reports to ensure consistency among reports and to improve the understanding of existing requirements. Finally, we adopt other minor, technical changes in the ARMIS reports pursuant to

¹ The ARMIS reporting requirements were established by the Commission in 1987 to facilitate the timely and efficient analysis of carrier costs and revenue, to provide an improved basis for audits and other oversight functions, and to enhance the Commission's ability to quantify the effects of alternative policy proposals. Additional ARMIS Reports were added in 1991 and 1992. Carriers must submit the ARMIS reports to the Commission annually on or before April 1.

² See 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review – Review of Accounting and Cost Allocation Requirements, *Report and Order* in CC Docket No. 98–81, *Order on Reconsideration* in CC Docket No. 96–150, *Fourth Memorandum Opinion and Order* in AAD File No. 98–43, released June 30, 1999, FCC 99–106, 14 FCC Rcd 11396, (*Accounting Review Order*); Comprehensive Review of the Accounting Requirements and ARMIS Reporting Requirements for Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers: Phase I, *Report and Order* in CC Docket No. 99-253, released March 8, 2000, FCC 00-78, 15 FCC Rcd 8690 (*Comprehensive Review Order*).

the authority delegated to the Bureau in the *ARMIS Order*³ and Section 0.291 of the Commission's rules.⁴ Because these changes are minor, and, in most cases, made pursuant to the recommendations of the carriers filing the reports, we find good cause to conclude that notice and comment procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act are unnecessary.⁵

II. DISCUSSION

A. General

2. This Order implements changes to ARMIS reports as necessitated by recent Commission orders and provides improved definitions, descriptions, and instructions that will lead to greater clarity and consistency in reporting by incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs). In the following sections, we discuss the more important modifications. The Appendix contains a complete listing of the revisions that we make to ARMIS reports. Detailed instructions for the completion of the reports, which incorporate the changes made in this Order, are available for public inspection in the Commission's Reference Information Center at 445 Twelfth Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554 and from International Transcription Service, Inc. at 1231 20th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Copies of the detailed instructions may also be obtained over the Internet, from the Commission's web site, at the web address: <<http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/armis/instructions/hs50.htm>>.

B. FCC Report 43-01 – The Annual Summary Report

3. FCC Report 43-01, the Annual Summary Report, summarizes the carriers' accounting and cost allocation data prescribed in Parts 32, 36, 64, 65, and 69 of the Commission's rules.⁶ In the instructions for Table I, Cost and Revenue, we redefine Rows 1710 and 1720, in compliance with the *Comprehensive Review Order*.⁷ We also redefine Row 1045 as required by the *Accounting Review*

³ Reporting Requirements for Certain Class A and Tier 1 Telephone Companies (Parts 31, 43, 67, and 69 of the FCC's Rules), *Order*, 2 FCC Rcd 5770 (1987), *modified on recon.*, 3 FCC Rcd 6375 (1988) (*ARMIS Order*).

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 0.291. In this Order, we revise or clarify the following nine ARMIS Reports: FCC Report 43-01, the Annual Summary Report, FCC Report 43-02, the USOA Report, FCC Report 43-03, the Joint Cost Report, FCC Report 43-04, the Access Report, FCC Report 43-05, the Service Quality Report, FCC Report 43-07, the Infrastructure Report, FCC Report 43-08, the Operating Data Report, FCC Report 495A, the Forecast of Investment Usage Report, and FCC Report 495B, the Actual Usage of Investment Report. We make no changes to FCC Report 43-06, the Customer Satisfaction Report.

⁵ See 5 U.S.C. § 553(b)(3)(B) (providing that notice and comment are not required "when the agency for good cause feels (and incorporates the finding and a brief statement therefore in the rules issued) that notice and public procedures thereon are impractical, unnecessary or contrary to the public interest.")

⁶ 47 C.F.R. Parts 32, 36, 64, 65, and 69.

⁷ *Comprehensive Review Order*, 15 FCC Rcd at 8704-06, ¶¶ 29, 31.

Order.⁸ In order to clarify the instructions, we remove Row 1880, and replace it with new Rows 1881, 1882, and 1883. Finally, we make other clarifying changes to instructions for Rows 1060, 1590, 1595, 1960, 1970, and Column (e). Part I of the Appendix to this Order contains all revisions to this report.

C. FCC Report 43-02 - The USOA Report

4. FCC Report 43-02, the Uniform System of Accounts (USOA) Report, provides the annual operating results of the carriers' activities for accounts as specified in the USOA.⁹ In order to reduce ARMIS reporting requirements, as required by the *Comprehensive Review Order*,¹⁰ we delete the following tables in their entirety: Table C-1, Identity of Respondent, Table C-2, Control Over Respondent, Table C-4, Stockholders, Table B-8, Capital Leases, Table B-9, Deferred Charges, Table B-11, Long-Term Debt, Table B-12, Net Deferred Income Taxes, Table B-13, Other Deferred Credits, Table B-14, Capital Stock, Table B-15, Capital Stock and Funded Debt Reacquired or Retired During the Year, Table I-3, Pension Costs, Table I-4, Operating Other Taxes, and Table I-5, Prepaid Taxes and Tax Accruals.

5. In compliance with the *Comprehensive Review Order*, we revise the instructions for various tables within this report. Specifically, in the "C" series of tables, we consolidate all of the basic ownership information from Tables C-1, C-2, C-3, and C-4 into one table.¹¹ We delete Row 0100, add Row 0010, add Rows 0020 through 0039, fill Columns (c) through (e) with "N/A," revise the general instructions and individual row instructions for Rows 0010, 0020 through 0039, and Columns (b) and (c), and make clarifying changes to Column (d).

6. In Table C-5, Important Changes During the Year, we change the general instructions to require carriers to file copies of their Annual SEC 10K Reports, and eliminate the requirements to file this information in Table C-5.¹² Accordingly, we remove Rows 1010 through 1592, and Rows 1810 through 1992. We also delete Rows 0110 through 0192, and Row 0300, and revise the instructions for Column (b).¹³ Finally, we implement a reporting threshold in Table C-5 by revising instructions for Rows 0210 through 0292, and Rows 0401 through 0999.¹⁴

7. We make a number of minor changes to the instructions for the "B" series of tables, in order to maintain consistency among the instructions for certain of these tables. Specifically, in Table B-1, Balance Sheet Accounts, we clarify the instructions for Column (ac). In Table B-5, Analysis of Entries in Accumulated Depreciation, we clarify instructions for Columns (f) and (g), and in Table B-6, Summary of

⁸ *Accounting Review Order*, 14 FCC Rcd at 11412-13, ¶ 34.

⁹ 47 C.F.R. Part 32.

¹⁰ *See Comprehensive Review Order*, 15 FCC Rcd at 8708-15, ¶¶ 37-51.

¹¹ *Id.* at 8708, ¶ 37.

¹² *Id.* at 8709, ¶ 40.

¹³ *Id.* at 8709-10, ¶ 41.

¹⁴ *Id.* at 8710-11, ¶ 43.

Investment and Accumulated Depreciation by Jurisdiction, we clarify instructions for Columns (c), (m), and (l).

8. In the “I” series of tables, in Table I-1, Income Statement Accounts—Class A & B Account Level Reporting, we revise the definition of Row 5200, in accordance with the *Accounting Review Order*.¹⁵ In the *Comprehensive Review Order*, we eliminated the expense matrix.¹⁶ We now implement this change in Table I-1 by deleting Rows 610, 620, 630, 660, 670, 680, 6112, 6113, 6114, 6512, 6534, and 6535, deleting Columns (ab) through (af), and we require that data formerly reported under Column (ab) now be reported under Column (b). Also, expense matrix changes require that we revise the instructions for Rows 615, 625, 635, 665, 675, and 685. Finally, we make clarifying changes to Rows 5300 and 6110.

9. In Table I-6, Special Charges, we reflect changes in the threshold levels required by the *Comprehensive Review Order*¹⁷ by modifying the instructions for Rows 0210 through 0219, and 0230 through 0239. We make similar changes in Table I-7, Donations or Payment for Services Rendered by Persons Other than Employees, in compliance with the *Comprehensive Review Order*,¹⁸ for Rows 0201 through 1899. Also, we implement the requirements of the *Comprehensive Review Order*,¹⁹ by deleting the Academia Section in Table I-7, containing Rows 0101 through 0199. Part II of the Appendix to this Order contains all revisions to this report.

D. FCC Report 43-03 - The Joint Cost Report

10. FCC Report 43-03, the Joint Cost Report, details carriers’ regulated and nonregulated cost and revenue allocations by study area, pursuant to section 64.901 of the Commission’s rules.²⁰ We revise the instructions and form for Rows 5200 and 5230 in Table I, Regulated/Nonregulated Data, in accordance with the *Accounting Review Order*.²¹ Also, we make clarifying changes by revising the instructions for Row 5300 and Column (l). Part III of the Appendix to this Order contains all revisions to this report.

E. FCC Report 43-04 - The Access Report

11. We make minor changes of a clarifying nature to the form and instructions for FCC Report 43-04, the Access Report, by revising instructions for Rows 1524, 4071, 9001, 9002, and 9004. Part IV of the Appendix to this Order contains the revisions to this report.

¹⁵ *Accounting Review Order*, 14 FCC Rcd at 11412-13, ¶ 34.

¹⁶ *Comprehensive Review Order*, 15 FCC Rcd at 8694, ¶ 7.

¹⁷ *Id.* at 8715-16, ¶ 53.

¹⁸ *Id.* at 8716-17, ¶ 56.

¹⁹ *Id.* at 8717-18, ¶ 57.

²⁰ 47 C.F.R. § 64.901.

²¹ *Accounting Review Order*, 14 FCC Rcd at 11412-13, ¶ 34.

F. FCC Report 43-05 - The Service Quality Report

12. In FCC Report 43-05, the Service Quality Report, we make clarifying changes to Rows 0185 through 0190 in Table III – Common Trunk Blockage, and to Column (u) in Table IV-A – Occurrences of Two Minutes or More Duration. Part V of the Appendix to this Order contains the revisions to this report.

G. FCC Report 43-07 - The Infrastructure Report, and FCC Report 43-08 - The Operating Data Report

13. Clarifying changes to FCC Report 43-07, the Infrastructure Report, are made in the definition of “Carrier Links” in Table II – Transmission Facilities. In order to improve the clarity and accuracy of the instructions in the FCC Report 43-08, the Operating Data Report, we add definitions, and revise the instructions for Columns (bh), (bi), (bk), and (bl) in Table I.B – Outside Plant Statistics – Other. In addition, in Table III – Access Lines in Service by Customer, we provide an illustrative drawing and clarifying language to instructions for Columns (dk) and (dl), to clarify our requirements for reporting Special Access Lines numbers. Parts VI and VII of the Appendix to this Order contain the revisions to these reports.

H. FCC Report 495A - The Forecast of Investment Usage Report, and FCC Report 495B - The Actual Usage of Investment Report

14. We wish to clarify that carriers who have no network investment that is jointly used for regulated and nonregulated functions need not file FCC Reports 495A and 495B. Instead, a carrier need only file a letter signed by the company’s responsible officer, certifying that there is no data to report.

III. PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT

15. The modifications to the information collections contained herein are contingent upon approval of the Office of Management and Budget.

IV. ORDERING CLAUSE

16. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to the authority contained in Sections 1, 4(i), 4(j), 201-205, 215, 218, 219, and 220 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 151, 154(i), 154(j), 201-205, 215, 218, 219, and 220, and Sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91 and 0.291, that FCC Report 43-01, the Annual Summary Report, FCC Report 43-02, the USOA Report, FCC Report 43-03, the Joint Cost Report, FCC Report 43-04, the Access Report, FCC Report 43-05, the Service Quality Report, FCC Report 43-07, the Infrastructure Report, FCC 43-08, the Operating Data Report, FCC Report 495A , the Forecast of Investment Usage Report, and FCC Report 495B, the Actual Usage of Investment Report ARE REVISED, as set forth above and in the Appendix to this Order, effective for filings due April 1, 2001.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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PART I — Summary of changes to FCC Report 43-01 (The Annual Summary Report)

A. Table I – Cost and Revenue – Class A & B Account Level Reporting

Report Definition – Form

1. The following “N/A”-filled rows are removed:
 - a. Row 1110 – Equal Access Expenses;
 - b. Row 1610 – Equal Access Investment;
 - c. Row 1925 – FCC Ordered Refund;
 - d. Row 1926 – Refund Adjusted for Taxes;
 - e. Row 1930 – Net Return Including FCC Refund;
 - f. Row 1935 – Rate of Return Including FCC Refund; and
 - g. Row 1980 – Common Line Support-Transitional.
2. Row 1880 – Other Jurisdictional Liabilities & Deferred Credits-Net is deleted.
3. The following rows are added:
 - a. Row 1881 – Other Long-Term Liabilities. (All columns are open.);
 - b. Row 1882 – Deferred Tax Liabilities. (Only Columns (b) and (e) are open.);
 - c. Row 1883 – Other Jurisdictional Liabilities & Deferred Credits. (Only Columns (b), (e), (f), and (g) are open.)
4. Row 1960 – The title of the row is revised to read: “Universal Service Fund – High Loop Cost”
5. Insert “N/A” in Column (h), Interstate, of Row 1705 – Other Jurisdictional Assets – Net

Report Definition – Row Instructions

6. Instructions are removed for “N/A”-filled Rows 1110, 1610, 1925, 1926, 1930, 1935, and 1980.
7. Row 1045 – The definition of this row is revised to read: “Nonregulated – The balance of Account 5280. **Note:** Do not include uncollectibles in this row; see Row 1060.”
8. Row 1060 – The definition of this row is revised to read: “Uncollectible - The total of Account 5300, which includes uncollectible regulated and nonregulated revenues. This amount is normally a positive amount to be subtracted from revenues in the calculation of Row 1090.”
9. Row 1590 – The definition of this row is revised to read: “Net Federal Income Taxes - For Column (b), enter the total of Accounts 7220 and the appropriate portion of 7250 minus the amortized amount of Account 7210. For Column (c), enter the amount calculated pursuant to the

reporting carrier's Cost Allocation Manual. For Columns (d) and (f) through (v), calculate this amount by applying the applicable statutory federal income tax rate to the adjusted taxable income (Row 1090 plus Rows 1290, 1520 and 1530 less Rows 1190, 1390, 1490, 1510) less (Rows 1540 and 1550). (I.e., tax rate x (1090 + 1290 + 1520 + 1530 - 1190 - 1390 - 1490 - 1510) - [1540 + 1550].) *Note:* This row has no Class B account level reporting.”

10. Row 1595 – The definition of this row is revised to read: “Taxes – Federal, State, & Other - **This row is only for those carriers reporting at the Class B account level.** For Column (b), enter the total of Account 7200. For Column (c), enter the amount calculated pursuant to the reporting carrier's Cost Allocation Manual. For Columns (d) and (e), enter the amount applicable to SNFA, Intra-Company, and Other Adjustment. For columns (f) through (v), enter the amount between the state and interstate jurisdictions pursuant to Section 36.412, and allocate the interstate amount among the access elements pursuant to Section 69.402(a). This should also include Net Federal Income Taxes as follows: Total Operating Revenues (Row 1090), Other Operating Income/Losses (Row 1290), IRS Income Adjustment (Row 1520), and FCC Taxable Income Adjustment (Row 1530) less Total Operating Expenses (Row 1190), Total Non-operating Items (Row 1390), Operating State Taxes, Operating Local Taxes, Operating Other Taxes, and Fixed Charges (Row 1510) times the applicable statutory federal income tax rate, less Investment Tax Credit Amortization and FCC Investment Tax Credit Adjustment (Row 1550). **Note: This amount represents what was reported on Rows 1490 and 1590 in prior years (1990 – 1998).**”
11. Plant-In-Service – The definition of this section is revised to read: “Plant-In-Service - All investment data reported in Columns (f) through (v) must be average investment calculated by one of two methods: (1) divide the sum of the average monthly investments by the number of months in the reporting period; (2) divide the sum of (a) one half of the investment balance at the end of the previous year, (b) one half of the investment balance at the end of the current reporting period, and (c) the end of the month investment balances for each month in the current reporting period, excluding the final month, by the number of months in the reporting period. Investment data reported in Columns (b), (c) and (d) are reported as booked at the end of the current reporting period. The averaging method used must be consistent with ARMIS Reports 43-03 and 43-04. **Note:** If another method is being used, please footnote.”
12. Row 1710 – The definition of this row is revised to read: “Property Held for Future Telecommunications Use – The balance of Account 2002. **Note:** Property owned and held for longer than two years must be excluded from the ratebase and ratemaking considerations by inclusion of the original costs and associated accumulated depreciation in Column (e) – All Other Adjustments.”
13. Row 1720 – The definition of this row is revised to read: “Telecommunications Plant Under Construction – The balance of Account 2003. **Note:** Construction projects that have been suspended for six months or more must be excluded from the ratebase and ratemaking considerations by inclusion of all direct and indirect costs in Column (e) – All Other Adjustments.”

14. Row 1880 – Other Jurisdictional Liabilities & Deferred Credits-Net is deleted and replaced by new Rows 1881, 1882 and 1883.
15. Row 1881 – The definition of this row is added “Other Long-Term Liabilities – The balance of Account 4310.”
16. Row 1882 – The definition of this row is added “Deferred Tax Liabilities – The balance of Accounts 4341 and 4361.”
17. Row 1883 – The definition of this row is added “Other Jurisdictional Liabilities & Deferred Credits – The balance of Account 4370.”
18. Row 1920 – The definition of this row is revised to read: “Rate of Return – Row 1915 divided by Row 1910, multiplied by 100. Round to 2 decimal places. All price cap companies should insert zeros in Columns (m), (n), (p), (q), (r), (s), and (t).”
19. Row 1960 – The definition of this row is revised to read: “Universal Service Fund – High Loop Cost - Universal service fund high loop cost support received for the reporting period as calculated by the universal service fund administrator pursuant to Sections 36.601 – 641 (rural carriers) or Section 54.309 (non-rural carriers).”
20. Row 1970 – The definition of this row is revised to read: “Common Line Support-Long Term - Enter the amount of long-term support (LTS), which is a portion of the carrier’s Universal Service contribution payment submitted to NECA pursuant to Section 69.612(a). The amount reported in this row is calculated as follows: Total Interstate and International End User Telecommunications Revenue (less International Exception Revenue) from January 1, 1999 to December 31, 1999 times 0.006027 (the LTS portion of the annualized Universal Service contribution factor). The revenues to be used in this calculation are as reported to NECA April 1, 2000 on FCC form 499A, line 420, Columns (d) + (e). This item is reported as a negative amount. **Note:** Carriers that are in the Common Line Pool will report zero.”

Report Definition – Column Descriptions

21. Column (e) – The definition of this column is revised to read: “All Other Adjustments - This column reflects all remaining adjustments such as prior period adjustments and adjustments necessary to arrive at the amount subject to separations. In addition, Part 36 study adjustments to reflect the reallocation of common power and common other costs between the COE accounts in Part 32 should be entered in this column. The affected rows are 1630, 1640 and 1650.

PART II — Summary of changes to FCC Report 43-02 (The USOA Report)

A. The Following Tables and Associated Instructions are Deleted:

1. Table C-1, Identity of Respondent;
2. Table C-2, Control Over Respondent;
3. Table C-4, Stockholders;
4. Table B-8, Capital Leases;
5. Table B-9, Deferred Charges;
6. Table B-11, Long-Term Debt;
7. Table B-12, Net Deferred Income Taxes;
8. Table B-13, Other Deferred Credits;
9. Table B-14, Capital Stock;
10. Table B-15, Capital Stock and Funded Debt Reacquired or Retired During the Year;
11. Table I-3, Pension Cost;
12. Table I-4, Other Operating Taxes; and
13. Table I-5, Prepaid Taxes and Tax Accruals.

B. Table C-3 – Board of Directors and General Officers

Report Definition – Form

1. The title of the table is revised to read: “TABLE C-3 – RESPONDENT CORPORATE INFORMATION.”
2. The title of the Column (b) is revised to read: “Name/State.”
3. The following rows are added:
 - a. Row 0010, Exact Name of Respondent; and
 - b. Rows 0020 through 0039, State of Operation.
4. Row 0100, SEC 10-K, is deleted.

Report Definition – Row Instructions

5. General Instructions – This section is revised to read: “This table displays information on the identity, state(s) of operation, the board of directors and general officers of the carrier.”
6. Row 0010 – The definition of this row is added: “Exact Name of Respondent – Enter the exact name of the carrier.”

7. Rows 0020 through 0039 – The definition of these rows is added: “State of Operation – Enter the state or states in which the operating company operates. **Note:** Include only those rows with data to be reported.”
8. Row 0100 – The instruction for this row is deleted.

Report Definition – Column Instructions

9. Column (b) – The definition of this column is revised to read: “Name/State – The following information should be entered in each of the rows: Row 0010 – Name; Rows 0020 through 0039 – State; and Rows 0101 through 0299 – Name and address (City and State) of each person who was a director or a general officer during the reporting period.”
10. The following sentence is added between Column (b) and (c) instructions: “Columns (c) through (e) apply only to Rows 0101 through 0299.”
11. Column (c) – The definition of this column is revised to read: “Title and Department Over Which Jurisdiction is Exercised - Enter the title and the department over which each officer exercised jurisdiction.”
12. Column (d) – The definition of this column is revised to read: “Term Expired or Current Term Will Expire - Enter the year, i.e., yyyy, the term expired or the year the current term will expire for each director reported in column (b). If a term has no expiration date, enter zeros, i.e., ‘0000’.”

C. Table C-5 – Important Changes During the Year

Report Definition – Form

1. The following sections and rows are deleted:
 - a. Extension of Systems – Rows 0110 through 0192;
 - b. Map Defining Territory – Row 0300;
 - c. Companies Coming Under the Direct Control of the Carrier – Rows 1010 through 1093;
 - d. Changes in the Direct Control of a Company – Rows 1110 through 1193;
 - e. Changes Affecting the Direct Control of a Company – Rows 1210 through 1292;
 - f. Companies Coming Under Indirect Control of the Carrier – Rows 1310 through 1393;
 - g. Changes in the Indirect Control of a Company – Rows 1410 through 1493;
 - h. Changes Affecting the Indirect Control of a Company -- Rows 1510 through 1592; and
 - i. Changes in Accounting Standards – Rows 1810 through 1892.

Report Definition – General Instructions

2. The following notice is added to the General Instructions: “**NOTICE:** All carriers that file this table are required to file a paper copy of the operating company’s Annual SEC 10K Report. This requirement is in accordance with the Report and Order, in *Comprehensive Review of the Accounting Requirements and ARMIS Reporting Requirements for Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers: Phase I*, CC Docket No. 99-253, FCC 00-78 (adopted March 2, 2000). This paper copy will only be filed with the initial annual ARMIS submission to the FCC Common Carrier Bureau, Accounting Safeguards Division as described in Section D instructions, Reporting Procedures.”

Report Definition – Row Instructions

3. Rows 0210 through 0292 – The definition of this section (Substantial Portions or All Property Sold) is revised to read: “Each of these rows is provided for entry of data associated with substantial portions or all property sold during the reporting period exceeding \$500,000. Use no more than three rows per item to give particulars if during the reporting period a substantial portion or all of the property of the carrier was sold, merged, or abandoned, including the location and territory covered. In case of sale or merger, give the effective date, name and address of successor company, and the consideration received.”
4. The following section and row instructions are deleted: Rows 0110 through 0192, 0300, 1010 through 1093, 1110 through 1193. 1210 through 1292, 1310 through 1393, 1410 through 1493, 1510 through 1592, and 1810 through 1892.
5. Rows 0401 through 0999 – The definition of this section (Important Changes in Service and Rate Schedules) is revised to read: “Each of these rows is provided for entry of data associated with important changes in service and rate schedules during the reporting period exceeding \$500,000. Use one row per item.”

Report Definition – Column Instructions

6. Column (b) – The definition of this column is revised to read: “Description/Identification - Enter the data being reported on Rows 0210 through 0292. For Rows 1610 through 1793, enter the identification of the contract or agreement and name of the contracting party. Enter ‘Common Carrier’, ‘Affiliated Company’ or ‘Broadcasting Company’ as the identification of the type of the company with whom the respondent has entered into a contract and the name of the contracting party.”

D. Table B-1 – Balance Sheet Accounts

Report Definition – Form

1. Row 2004 – Reserved, which was “N/A”-filled, is removed.

Report Definition – Column Instructions

2. Column (ac) – The definition of this column is revised to read: “Additions - Enter the amount representing plant added to each account during the current reporting period. Transfers of and adjustments to plant made between accounts for additions that occurred during the current reporting period are included in this column. All adjustments made to plant that was placed in service or was retired in prior reporting periods are included in Column (ae). **All entries must be positive.**”

E. Table B-5 – Analysis of Entries in Accumulated Depreciation

Report Definition – Column Instructions

1. Column (f) – The definition of this column is revised to read: “Retirements With Traffic - Enter the amount charged to accumulated depreciation associated with plant retired with traffic for each row. **Note: This column is only used to reflect the sale of depreciable property with traffic. Enter only the estimated amount of accrued depreciation. The remaining undepreciated plant value is reported in Account 7350, Gain or losses from the disposition of certain property.**”
2. Column (g) – The definition of this column is revised to read: “Retirements Without Traffic - Enter the amount charged to accumulated depreciation associated with plant retired without traffic for each row.”

F. Table B-6 – Summary of Investment and Accumulated Depreciation by Jurisdiction

Report Definition – Column Instructions

1. Column (c) – The definition of this column is revised to read: “Telephone Plant Additions - Enter the amount of telecommunications plant additions for each row reported. **Note:** All entries must be positive, use Column (f) to report all transfer or adjustments that have been charged to the plant accounts.”
2. Column (l) – The definition of this column is revised to read: “Other Charges and Credits - Enter the net amount of other credits and debits, including retirements, to accumulated depreciation for each row reported. This column includes amounts amortized for small value items now being

expensed. The net credit amount shall be reported as a positive amount and the net debit amount as a negative amount.”

3. Column (m) – The definition of this column is revised to read: “Accumulated Depreciation Ending Balance - Enter the total of Columns (h) + (i) + (j) - (k) + (l) as the end of year balance for each row reported. **Note:** Column (m) must agree with Table B-1, Row 3100, Column (b); Table B-5, Row 0490, Column (j); and 43-03, Table I, Row 3100, Column (b).”
4. The following note is added at the end of the column instructions: “**Note: Columns (h) through (m) above must agree with Columns (b) through (j) of Row 490 of Table B-5.**”

G. Table I-1 – Income Statement Accounts – Class A & B Account Level Reporting

Report Definition – Form

1. Row 5010 – Public telephone revenue, which was “N/A”-filled, is removed.
2. Row 520 – The row title under Class B Account Level Reporting is changed from “Local Network Services Revenues” to “Local Network Services Revenues (Acct. 5000).”
3. Row 525 – The row title under Class B Account Level Reporting is changed from “LD Network Services Revenues” to “LD Network Services Revenues (Acct. 5100).”
4. The following rows are deleted:
 - a. Row 6112 – Motor Vehicle;
 - b. Row 610 – Clearance – Motor Vehicle;
 - c. Row 6113 – Aircraft;
 - d. Row 620 – Clearance – Aircraft;
 - e. Row 6114 – Tools and other work equipment;
 - f. Row 630 – Clearance – Tools and other work equipment;
 - g. Row 6512 – Provisioning
 - h. Row 660 – Clearance – Provisioning;
 - i. Row 6534 – Plant operations administration;
 - j. Row 670 – Clearance – Plant operations administration;
 - k. Row 6535 – Engineering; and
 - l. Row 680 – Clearance – Engineering.
5. The following row titles are changed:
 - a. Row 615 – “Net Balance – Motor Vehicle” to “Account 6112 – Motor Vehicles;”
 - b. Row 625 – “Net Balance – Aircraft” to “Account 6113 – Aircraft;”
 - c. Row 635 – “Net Balance – Tools and other work equipment” to “Account 6114 – Tools and

- other work equipment;”
- d. Row 665 – “Net Balance – Provisioning” to “Account 6512 – Provisioning;”
 - e. Row 675 – “Net Balance – Plant operation administration” to “Account 6534 – Plant operation administration;” and
 - f. Row 685 – “Net Balance – Engineering” to “Account 6535 – Engineering.”
6. Rows 615 through 730, Column (ab) – The data reported under Column (ab), Total will be reported under Column (b), Amount.
7. Columns (aa) through (af) are deleted.

Report Definition – Row Instructions

8. Row/Account 5200 – The definition of this row is revised to read: “Miscellaneous Revenue – This amount equals the total of Rows/Accounts 5230, 5240, 5250, 5260, and 5270. For those carriers reporting at the Class B account level, this amount equals the balance of Row/Account 5200. **Note:** The nonregulated revenues for the above rows/accounts should be reported on Row/Account 5280.”
9. Row 5300 – The definition of this row is revised to read: “Uncollectible Revenue - This amount equals the total of Rows/Accounts 5301 and 5302, which includes uncollectible regulated and nonregulated revenues. For those carriers reporting at the Class B account level, this amount equals the balance of Account 5300.”
10. Row 615 – The definition of this row is revised to read: “Account 6112 – Motor Vehicles - This amount equals the total of Account 6112. **Note:** This row has no Class B account level reporting.”
11. Row 625 – The definition of this row is revised to read: “Account 6113 –Aircraft - This amount equals the total of Account 6113. **Note:** This row has no Class B account level reporting.”
12. Row 635 – The definition of this row is revised to read: “Account 6114 –Tools and other work equipment - This amount equals the total of Account 6114. **Note:** This row has no Class B account level reporting.”
13. Row 6110 – The definition of this row is revised to read: “Network Support - This amount equals the total of Rows 615, 625, and 635. For those carriers reporting at the Class B account level, this amount equals the balance of Account 6110.”
14. Row 665 – The definition of this row is revised to read: “Account 6512 –Provisioning - This amount equals the total of Account 6512. **Note:** This row has no Class B account level reporting.”
15. Row 675 – The definition of this row is revised to read: “Account 6534 –Plant operation

administration - This amount equals the total of Account 6534. **Note:** This row has no Class B account level reporting.”

16. Row 685 – The definition of this row is revised to read: “Account 6535 –Engineering - This amount equals the total of Account 6535. **Note:** This row has no Class B account level reporting.”

Report Definition – Column Descriptions

17. The following Column instructions are deleted: Columns (ab) through (af).

H. Table I-6 – Special Charges

Report Definition – Form

1. The section title “ABANDONED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AMOUNTING TO \$100,000 OR MORE” is changed to “ABANDONED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AMOUNTING TO \$500,000 OR MORE.”
2. Row 0219 – The title of the row is revised as follows: “Total Abandoned Construction Projects Amounting to \$500,000 or More.”
3. The section title “PENALTIES AND FINES AMOUNTING TO \$100,000 OR MORE” is changed to “PENALTIES AND FINES AMOUNTING TO \$500,000 OR MORE.”
4. Row 0239 – The title of this row is revised as follows: “Total Penalties and Fines Amounting to \$500,000 or More.”

Report Definition – Row Instructions

5. The section title “Abandoned Construction Projects Amounting to \$100,000 or More” is changed to “Abandoned Construction Projects Amounting to \$500,000 or More.”
6. Rows 0210 through 0218 – The definition of this row is revised to read: “Each of these rows is provided for entry of data associated with abandoned construction projects charged to Account 7370. Use one row for each item amounting individually to \$500,000 or more.”
7. Row 0219– The title of this row is revised as follows: “Total Abandoned Construction Projects Amounting to \$500,000 or more.”
8. The section title “Penalties and Fines Amounting to \$100,000 or More” is changed to “Penalties and Fines Amounting to \$500,000 or More.”

9. Rows 0230 through 0238 – The definition of this row is revised to read: “Each of these rows is provided for entry of data associated with penalties and fines charged to Account 7370. Use one row for each item amounting individually to \$500,000 or More.”
10. Row 0239 – The title of this row is revised as follows: “Total Penalties and Fines Amounting to \$500,000 or more.”

I. Table I-7 – Donations or Payment for Services Rendered by Persons Other than Employees

Report Definition – Form

1. The section title “ADVERTISING AND INFORMATION SERVICES – EXCEEDING \$250,000” is changed to “ADVERTISING AND INFORMATION SERVICES – EXCEEDING \$1,000,000.”
2. The section title “AUDIT AND ACCOUNTING SERVICES – EXCEEDING \$25,000” is changed to “AUDIT AND ACCOUNTING SERVICES – EXCEEDING \$500,000.”
3. The section title “CLERICAL AND OFFICE SERVICES – EXCEEDING \$250,000” is changed to “CLERICAL AND OFFICE SERVICES – EXCEEDING \$1,000,000.”
4. The section title “COMPUTER AND DATA PROCESSING SERVICES – EXCEEDING \$250,000” is changed to “COMPUTER AND DATA PROCESSING SERVICES – EXCEEDING \$1,000,000.”
5. The section title “CONSULTING AND RESEARCH SERVICES – EXCEEDING \$25,000” is changed to “CONSULTING AND RESEARCH SERVICES – EXCEEDING \$500,000.”
6. The section title “FINANCIAL SERVICES – EXCEEDING \$25,000” is changed to “FINANCIAL SERVICES – EXCEEDING \$500,000.”
7. The section title “LEGAL – EXCEEDING \$25,000” is changed to “LEGAL – EXCEEDING \$500,000.”
8. The section title “MEMBERSHIP FEES AND DUES – EXCEEDING \$10,000” is changed to “MEMBERSHIP FEES AND DUES – EXCEEDING \$50,000.”
9. The section title “PERSONNEL SERVICES – EXCEEDING \$250,000” is changed to “PERSONNEL SERVICES – EXCEEDING \$1,000,000.”
10. The section title “PRINTING AND DESIGN SERVICES – EXCEEDING \$250,000” is changed to “PRINTING AND DESIGN SERVICES – EXCEEDING \$1,000,000.”

11. The section title "SECURITY SERVICES – EXCEEDING \$250,000" is changed to "SECURITY SERVICES – EXCEEDING \$1,000,000."
12. Rows 0101 through 0199 are deleted.
13. Row 0599 – The title of this row is revised to read: "Total Advertising and Information Services Exceeding \$1,000,000."
14. Row 0699 – The title of this row is revised to read: "Total Audit and Accounting Services Exceeding \$500,000."
15. Row 0799 – The title of this row is revised to read: "Total Clerical and Office Services Exceeding \$1,000,000."
16. Row 0899 – The title of this row is revised to read: "Total Computer and Data Processing Services Exceeding \$1,000,000."
17. Row 1299 – The title of this row is revised to read: "Total Consulting and Research Services Exceeding \$500,000."
18. Row 1399 – The title of this row is revised to read: "Total Financial Services Exceeding \$500,000."
19. Row 1499 – The title of this row is revised to read: "Total Legal Services Exceeding \$500,000."
20. Row 1599 – The title of this row is revised to read: "Total Membership Fees and Dues Exceeding \$50,000."
21. Row 1699 – The title of this row is revised to read: "Total Personnel Services Exceeding \$1,000,000."
22. Row 1799 – The title of this row is revised to read: "Total Printing and Design Services Exceeding \$1,000,000."
23. Row 1899 – The title of this row is revised to read: "Total Security Services Exceeding \$1,000,000."

Report Definition – Row Instructions

24. The section titled "Academia" (Rows 0101 through 0199) is deleted.
25. The threshold amount for the section and Row 0599 titled "Advertising and Information Services" is changed from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000.

26. Rows 0201 through 0598 – The definition of these rows is revised to read: “Each of these rows is provided for entry of data associated with payments for advertising and information services. Use one row for each recipient to whom payments exceeding \$1,000,000 were made.”
27. The threshold amount for the section and Row 0699 titled “Total Audit and Accounting Services” is changed from \$25,000 to \$500,000.
28. Rows 0601 through 0698 – The definition of these rows is revised to read: “Each of these rows is provided for entry of data associated with payments for audit and accounting services. Use one row for each recipient to whom payments exceeding \$500,000 were made.”
29. The threshold amount for the section and Row 0799 titled “Total Clerical and Office Services” is changed from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000.
30. Rows 0701 through 0798 – The definition of these rows is revised to read: “Each of these rows is provided for entry of data associated with payments for clerical and office services. Use one row for each recipient to whom payments exceeding \$1,000,000 were made.”
31. The threshold amount for the section and Row 0899 titled “Total Computer and Data Processing Services” is changed from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000.
32. Rows 0801 through 0898 – The definition of these rows is revised to read: “Each of these rows is provided for entry of data associated with payments for computer and data processing services. Use one row for each recipient to whom payments exceeding \$1,000,000 were made.”
33. The threshold amount for the section and Row 1299 titled “Total Consulting and Research Services” is changed from \$25,000 to \$500,000.
34. Rows 0901 through 1298 – The definition of these rows is revised to read: “Each of these rows is provided for entry of data associated with payments for consulting and research services. Use one row for each recipient to whom payments exceeding \$500,000 were made.”
35. The threshold amount for the section and Row 1399 titled “Total Financial Services” is changed from \$25,000 to \$500,000.
36. Rows 1301 through 1398 – The definition of these rows is revised to read: “Each of these rows is provided for entry of data associated with payments for financial services. Use one row for each recipient to whom payments exceeding \$500,000 were made.”
37. The threshold amount for the section and Row 1499 titled “Total Legal Services” is changed from \$25,000 to \$500,000.
38. Rows 1401 through 1498 – The definition of these rows is revised to read: “Each of these rows is provided for entry of data associated with payments for legal services. Use one row for each

recipient to whom payments exceeding \$500,000 were made.”

39. The threshold amount for the section and Row 1599 titled “Total Membership Fees and Dues” is changed from \$10,000 to \$50,000.
40. Rows 1501 through 1598 – The definition of these rows is revised to read: “Each of these rows is provided for entry of data associated with payments for membership fees and dues . . . charged to Account 7370. Use one row for each recipient to whom payments exceeding \$50,000 were made.”
41. The threshold amount for the section and Row 1699 titled “Total Personnel Services” is changed from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000.
42. Rows 1601 through 1698 – The definition of these rows is revised to read: “Each of these rows is provided for entry of data associated with payments for personnel services. Use one row for each recipient to whom payments exceeding \$1,000,000 were made.”
43. The threshold amount for the section and Row 1799 titled “Total Printing and Design Services” is changed from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000.
44. Rows 1701 through 1798 – The definition of these rows is revised to read: “Each of these rows is provided for entry of data associated with payments for printing and design services. Use one row for each recipient to whom payments exceeding \$1,000,000 were made.”
45. The threshold amount for the section and Row 1899 titled “Total Security Services” is changed from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000.
46. Rows 1801 through 1898 – The definition of these rows is revised to read: “Each of these rows is provided for entry of data associated with payments for security services. Use one row for each recipient to whom payments exceeding \$1,000,000 were made.”

PART III — Summary of changes to FCC Report 43-03 (The Joint Cost Report)

A. Table I – Regulated/Nonregulated Data – Class A & B Account Level Reporting

Report Definition – Form

1. The following rows, which were “N/A”-filled, are removed:
 - a. Row 5010 – Public telephone; and
 - b. Row 2004 – Reserved.
2. Columns (d) through (h) and (j) are “N/A”-filled for Row/Account 5200, Miscellaneous Service Revenues.
3. Columns (d) through (h), (j), (l) and (m) are “N/A”-filled for Row/Account 5230, Directory Revenues.

Report Definition – Row Instructions

4. General Instructions – The second paragraph is revised to read: “All investment data reported in column (m) must be calculated by one of two methods: (1) divide the sum of average monthly investments by the number of months in the reporting period; (2) divide the sum of (a) one half of the investment balance at the end of the previous year, (b) one half of the investment balance at the end of the current reporting period, and (c) the end of the month investment balances for each month in the current reporting period, excluding the final month, by the number of months in the reporting period. The averaging method used must also be used in ARMIS Report 43-01, Column (f) and Report 43-04, Column (b).”
5. Row 5200 – The definition of this row is revised to read: “Miscellaneous Revenue – This amount equals the total of Rows/Accounts 5230, 5240, 5250, 5260, and 5270. For those carriers reporting at the Class B account level, this amount equals the balance of Row/Account 5200. **Note:** The nonregulated revenues for the above rows/accounts should be on Row/Account 5280.”
6. Row 5300 – The definition of this row is revised to read: “Uncollectible Revenue - This amount is the total of Rows/Accounts 5301 and 5302, which includes uncollectible regulated and nonregulated revenues. For those carriers reporting at the Class B account level, this amount equals the balance of Account 5300.”

Report Definition – Column Descriptions

7. Column (l) – The definition of this column is revised to read: “Other Adjustments - This amount reflects all remaining adjustments, such as prior period adjustments, necessary to arrive at the amount subject to separations. **Note:** Part 36 study adjustments that reflect the reallocation of common power and common other costs between the COE accounts in Part 32 should be entered in this column.”

PART IV – Summary of changes to FCC Report 43-04 (The Access Report)

A. Table I – Separations and Access

Report Definition – Form

1. The following row title is revised as follows: Row 9002 – K\$ UNIV. SERV. FUND ALLOC. – HIGH LOOP COST.”
2. The following “N/A”-filled rows are removed: Rows 10 through 29, 41, 43, 45, 47 through 82, 90 through 999, 1004, 1210, 1211, 1214, 1215, 1217, 1219, 1241 through 1243, 1281 through 1283, 1334, 1337, 1340, 1341, 1351 through 1360, 1391, 1419, 1422 through 1424, 1427, 1456 through 1458, 1521, 2192, 2195 through 2202, 4074, 4082, 5020, 5021, 5032, 5033, 5070, 5071, 7240 through 7245, 7247, 7251 through 7258, 7260, 8043 through 9000.

Report Definition – Row Instructions

3. The following “N/A”-filled row instructions are removed: Rows 10 through 29, 41, 43, 45, 47 through 82, 90 through 999, 1004, 1210, 1211, 1214, 1215, 1217, 1219, 1241 through 1243, 1281 through 1283, 1334, 1337, 1340, 1341, 1351 through 1360, 1391, 1419, 1422 through 1424, 1427, 1456 through 1458, 1521, 2192, 2195 through 2202, 4074, 4082, 5020, 5021, 5032, 5033, 5070, 5071, 7240 through 7245, 7247, 7251 through 7258, 7260, 8043 through 9000.
4. Row 1524 – The definition of this row is revised to read: “Total Category 4 C&WF, total of Rows 1520 and 1522 including Category 4 C&WF that is directly assigned pursuant to Section 69.305.”
5. Row 4071 – The definition of this row is revised to read: “Telecommunications Plant Under Construction that is used to allocate allowance for funds used during construction pursuant to Section 36.222(c).”
6. Row 9001 – The definition of this row is revised to read: “Carrier Common Line long term support (LTS) which is a portion of the carrier’s Universal Service contribution payment submitted to NECA pursuant to Section 69.612(a). The amount reported in this row is calculated as follows: Total Interstate and International End User Telecommunications Revenue (less International Exception Revenue) from January 1, 1999 to December 31, 1999 times 0.006027 (the LTS portion of the annualized Universal Service contribution factor). The revenues to be used in this calculation are as reported to NECA April 1, 2000 on FCC form 499A, line 420, Columns (d) + (e). This item is reported as a negative amount. **Note:** Carriers that are in the Common Line Pool will report zero.”
7. The note after Row 9001 is changed as follows:

NOTE: Rows 9002 – 9005 are to reflect . . . universal service support (Rows 9003 – 9005).

For example, if the reporting period is the year 2000, the following data shall be reported:

(reporting period – 2000)

Row 9002 (Univ. Serv. Fund Alloc.) = the total amount of universal service fund (USF) support received during 2000.

(second annual period prior to the reporting period – 1998)

Row 9003 (Unsep. USF Loop Cost) = the study area total unseparated USF loop cost as calculated for the year 1998 (per §36.621).

Row 9004 (No. of Working USF Loops) = the study area total working USF loops as of December 31, 1998 (per §36.611(h)).

Row 9005 (Unsep. USF Cost per Loop) = the study area total unseparated USF loop cost (Row 9003) ÷ the study area total working USF loops (Row 9004) (per §36.622(b)).

Additionally, for example, if the reporting carrier did not qualify for USF support during 2000, Row 9002 would be reported as zero. However, Rows 9003, 9004, and 9005 must still be completed with the appropriate data for the year 1998.

8. Row 9002 – The definition of this row is revised to read: “Universal Service Fund (high loop cost) support received for the reporting period as calculated by the Universal Service Fund administrator pursuant to Sections 36.601-641 (rural carriers) or Section 54.309 (non-rural carriers).”
9. Row 9004 – The definition of this row is revised to read: “Study area universal service working loops used to calculate the Universal Service Fund support received during the reporting period as reported on Row 9002 pursuant to Section 36.611(h). Carriers not qualifying for USF support are still required to report the number of working USF loops in this row.”

PART V – Summary of changes to FCC Report 43-05 (The Service Quality Report)

A. Table III – Common Trunk Blockage

Report Definition – Row Instructions

1. Row 0185 – This row is revised to read: “Common Trunk Groups Carrying Feature Group D (FGD) Traffic Exceeding Servicing Threshold for Three Consecutive Months - Enter the number of times a common trunk group carrying FGD traffic has exceeded a servicing threshold of 2% for three or more consecutive months during the reporting period. For example, if the same group exceeds the servicing threshold for two non-consecutive periods, where each period is three or more months in duration, count two. (Non-consecutive periods are periods separated by one or more months.) **Carriers using other thresholds must footnote them.** Enter in whole numbers.”
2. Row 0186 – This row is revised to read: “Other Common Trunk Groups Exceeding Servicing Threshold for Three Consecutive Months - Enter the number of times each other common trunk group carrying interstate traffic has exceeded a servicing threshold of 3% for three or more consecutive months during the reporting period. For example, if the same group exceeds the servicing threshold for two non-consecutive periods, where each period is three or more months in duration, count two. (Non-consecutive periods are periods separated by one or more months.) **Carriers using other thresholds must footnote them.** Enter in whole numbers.”
3. Row 0187 – This row is revised to read: “Common Trunk Groups Carrying Feature Group D (FGD) Traffic Exceeding Servicing Threshold for One Month - Enter the number of times a common trunk group carrying FGD traffic has exceeded a servicing threshold of 2% for any one month during the reporting period. For example, if the same group exceeds the servicing threshold in three separate months, count three. **Carriers using other thresholds must footnote them.** Enter in whole numbers.”
4. Row 0188 – This row is revised to read: “Other Common Trunk Groups Exceeding Servicing Threshold for One Month - Enter the number of times each other common trunk group carrying interstate traffic has exceeded a servicing threshold of 3% for any one month during the reporting period. For example, if the same group exceeds the servicing threshold in three separate months, count three. **Carriers using other thresholds must footnote them.** Enter in whole numbers.”
5. Row 0189 – This row is revised to read: “Common Trunk Groups Carrying Feature Group D (FGD) Traffic Exceeding Design Blocking Objectives for Three Consecutive Months - Enter the number of times a common trunk group carrying FGD traffic has exceeded a design blocking objective (DBO) of 0.5% for three or more consecutive months during the reporting period. For example, if the same group exceeds the servicing threshold for two non-consecutive periods, where each period is three or more months in duration, count two. (Non-consecutive periods are periods separated by one or more months.) **Carriers using a different DBO must footnote it.** Enter in whole numbers.”

6. Row 0190 – This row is revised to read: “Other Common Trunk Groups Exceeding Design Blocking Objectives for Three Consecutive Months - Enter the number of times each other common trunk group carrying interstate traffic has exceeded a design blocking objective (DBO) of 1.0% for three or more consecutive months during the reporting period. For example, if the same group exceeds the servicing threshold for two non-consecutive periods, where each period is three or more months in duration, count two. (Non-consecutive periods are periods separated by one or more months.) **Carriers using a different DBO must footnote it.** Enter in whole numbers.”

B. Table IV-A – Occurrences of Two Minutes or More Duration Downtime

Report Definition – Column Descriptions

1. Column (u) – This column is revised to read: “CLLI Code - Enter the eleven-character CLLI (Common Language Location Identifier) code which identifies the switch that experienced downtime of two minutes or more in duration. Enter data for only one switch’s outage incident on a row. Take care to verify that the CLLI codes entered match the CLLI codes in the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG). **If a switch has been retired during the reporting period, provide in a footnote the 5-character Equipment Type code that would have appeared in the LERG when the switch was in service.**”

PART VI – Summary of changes to FCC Report 43-07 (The Infrastructure Report)

A. Table II – Transmission Facilities

Report Definition – Row Instructions

1. The following section paragraph is revised to read: “Carrier Links - A carrier link is defined as a segment of a carrier-derived interoffice transmission facility between points at which either a change in carrier technology (i.e., analog, digital) or transmission medium (i.e., copper, fiber, or radio) occurs. For a facility with no intermediate changes, count one carrier link. For a facility with one intermediate change, count two carrier links. For a facility with two intermediate changes, count three carrier links, and so on. Counts are on an analog group or DS-1 equivalent basis.”

PART VII – Summary of changes to FCC Report 43-08 (The Operating Data Report)

A. Table I-B – Outside Plant Statistics – Other

Report Definition – Form

1. The section title “Total Equipped Local Loop Circuit Km (Cable and Microwave Systems)” for Columns (bh), (bi) and (bj) is changed to “Total Equipped Local Loop Circuit Km.”

Report Definition – Row Instructions

2. Under existing section “GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS” add a new section “DEFINITIONS” containing two new definitions: “Analog Baseband – Refers to the original band of frequencies produced by an analog signal-initiating device, such as a telephone transmitter (microphone)” and “Digital Baseband – Refers to the originally transmitted data signal produced by a digital signal-initiating device, such as a telegraph key.”

Report Definition – Column Descriptions

3. COLUMN DESCRIPTIONS – This paragraph is revised to read: “Each column represents a category of cable and wire facilities. In columns (bc) through (bg) include local loop and interoffice radio facilities where applicable. In columns (bh) through (bj) include local loop facilities. In columns (bk) through (bm) include interoffice cable and microwave facilities.”
4. Within the paragraphs entitled “Radio Relay System,” “Kilometers of One-Way Radio Channel,” and “Kilometers of Telephone Channel,” and for Column (bc) through (bg) descriptions, the term “890 mHz” is revised to read: “890 MHz.”
5. The section paragraph titled “Total Equipped Local Loop Circuit Kilometers (Cable and Microwave Systems)” is revised to read: “Total Equipped Local Loop Circuit Kilometers - Total equivalent voice-grade or video circuit kilometers in local loop plant.”
6. Column (bh) – This column is revised to read: “Equipped Local Loop Analog (4 kHz or Equivalent) Circuit Kilometers – Includes facilities for transmission of analog baseband and analog carrier on metallic cable and open wire in local loop plant. Report in equivalent 4 kHz circuit kilometers.”
7. Column (bi) – This column is revised to read: “Equipped Local Loop Digital (64 kbps or Equivalent) Circuit Kilometers – Includes facilities for transmission of digital baseband and digital carrier on metallic cable and fiber cable in local loop plant. Report as equivalent 64 kbps circuit kilometers. This may be calculated by summing unrounded DS-1 kilometers, rounding the total to the nearest kilometer, and multiplying the result by 24.”

8. Column (bk) – This column is revised to read: “Equipped Interoffice Analog (4 kHz or Equivalent) Circuit Kilometers - Includes facilities for transmission of analog baseband on metallic cable, analog carrier on metallic cable and on microwave radio in interoffice plant. Report in equivalent 4 kHz circuit kilometers.”
9. Column (bl) – This column is revised to read: “Equipped Interoffice Digital (64 kbps or Equivalent) Circuit Kilometers – Includes facilities for transmission of digital baseband and digital carrier on metallic cable, fiber cable, and microwave radio in interoffice plant. Report as equivalent 64 kbps circuit kilometers. This may be calculated by summing unrounded DS-1 kilometers, rounding the total to the nearest kilometer, and multiplying the result by 24.”

B. Table III – Access Lines in Service by Customers

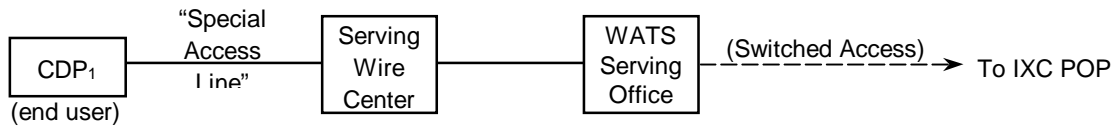
Report Definition – Column Descriptions

1. The following section paragraph is revised to read: “Special Access Lines (Non-Switched) – Total special access lines connecting an end user’s premises to an interexchange carrier point of presence. Do not include local private lines provided by the local carrier which originate and terminate within the same LATA. The access lines to be counted in Table III, Columns (dk) and (dl) are those furnished by the reporting carrier under the provisions of the carrier’s state and interstate Special Access tariffs.”
2. Column (dk) – This column is revised to read: “Analog Special Access Lines (Non-Switched) (4 kHz or Equiv.) - The number of 4 kHz or equivalent analog special access lines terminated at the customer designated premises. For each 4 kHz or equivalent service configuration with only one customer designated premises, e.g., where the line connects to a WATS Serving Office, count one (1) access line. For each 4 kHz or equivalent service configuration with two or more customer designated premises locations, count one (1) access line for each customer designated premises location, and subtract one from that total—thus deducting the IXC point-of-presence location—to obtain the correct count. (See Figure 1, following.)”
3. Column (dl) – This column is revised to read: “Digital Special Access Lines (Non-Switched) (64 kbps or Equiv.) - The number of 64 kbps or equivalent digital special access lines terminated at the customer designated premises. For each 64 kbps service configuration with only one customer designated premises, e.g., where the line connects to a WATS Serving Office, count one (1) access line. For each 64 kbps service configuration with two or more customer designated premises locations, count one (1) access line for each customer designated premises location, and subtract one from that total—thus deducting the IXC point-of-presence location—to obtain the correct count. (See Figure 1, following.) Where DS-3 or DS-1 service is provided without individual 64 kbps circuit terminations, multiply the number of DS-3 terminations by 672 and the number of DS-1 terminations by 24 when calculating the value for this column. In the above calculation, only use those DS-1’s and DS-3’s for which the customer is billed. Do not double

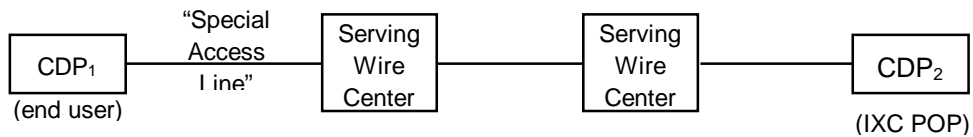
count 64 kbps circuits associated with DS-1 service where the 64 kbps circuits are customer-derived.”

4. Add illustrative figure, as follows:

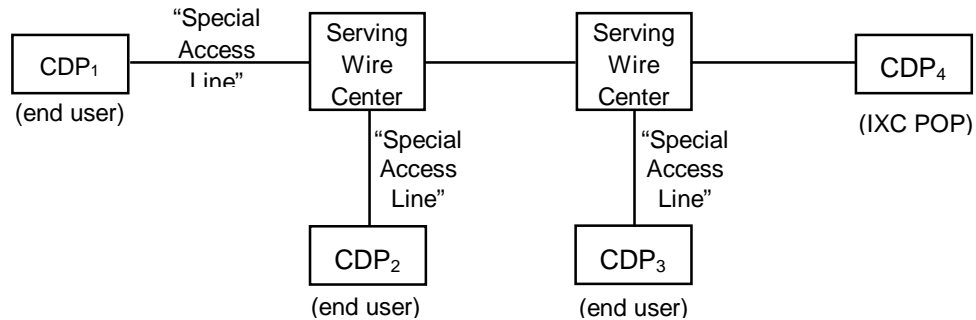
One-point circuit: count = 1 Special Access Line



Two-point circuit: count = (2 - 1) = 1 Special Access Line



N-point circuit: count = (N - 1) = (4 - 1) = 3 Special Access Lines



CDP = Customer Designated Premises, which may be either an end-user location or an interexchange carrier (IXC) location

POP = point of presence

Figure 1 – Special Access Line Counting Examples