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ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CIRCUIT STATUS (AND ADDITION) REPORTS DUE ON MARCH 31ST

Carriers are reminded that Section 43.82 of the Commission's rules requires each facilities-based carrier providing international telecommunications services to file a circuit status report by March 31, 2001. The report should contain data as of December 31, 2000. The information and filing format for the Circuit Status Report is described in detail in the Circuit Status Filing Manual developed by the International Bureau (10 FCC Rcd 8605, 1995).

All facilities-based carriers need to file the report regardless of whether or not they have activated circuits at the year-end. If carriers do not have any activated circuits at year-end, they are still required to file a letter stating that they do not have any activated circuits, along with the required certification form as shown in the Filing Manual.

The Circuit Status Filing Manual requires that carriers report the total number of activated and the total number of idle circuits by the following categories: submarine cable, satellite, and landline (cable or microwave). Carriers are required to file the report in the format specified in the manual.

Carriers also are reminded that, under Section 63.23 (incorporating former section 63.15) of our rules, carriers reselling international private lines are required to file annual circuit addition reports by March 31st for the preceding calendar year. The Circuit Status Filing Manual was structured to guide the filing of both circuit status and circuit addition reports. Accordingly, circuit addition reports follow the same format used in the circuit status report, and carriers should report year-end additional circuits from the previous year.

Carriers that are regulated as dominant on particular U.S. international routes under Section 63.10 of the Commission's rules must provide their circuit status information on a facility-specific basis for the dominant route only. Carriers should provide the information in a separate appendix in the same table form as used in the filing manual with the addition of a "Facility Name" column after "Data field #2". The facility name should indicate which cable system or satellite system is providing the capacity, such as "TAT-12" or "TPC-5" for cable circuits and "COMSAT" or "PANAMSAT" for satellite circuits. Dominant carriers filing circuit addition information under Section 63.23 need not file their additions on a facility-specific basis.

Carriers are required to file the reports on a common type and format of computer diskettes as described in the Filing Manual. We want to stress again this year that each filed diskette has to follow the correct format as stated in the Filing Manual, Section 2 - Diskette Format and Coding Instructions. The data compilation program will not be able to pick up non-ASCII files, such as Excel or Lotus files. A carrier is responsible for converting its Excel (or Lotus) data file into an ASCII file before it submits its report to the Commission. We also remind carriers to correctly input data in the "Year" field. The program will not pick up any data if the year field is not correctly inputted. The Commission has a sample data file on the Internet to enable carriers to file the proper report. The Internet address is <http://www.fcc.gov/ib/td/pf/csmanual.html>. The Filing Manual, along with other instructions that are needed to fulfill this filing requirement, is included in the same Internet address. The Filing Manual is also available through the Commission's contractor for public service records duplication: ITS, Inc., 1231 20th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 857-3800.

Carriers should file 2 copies of the original transmittal letter and report and 1 set of data diskettes with Cathy Hsu, Telecommunications Division, International Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 6-C804, Washington, D.C. 20554. Carriers should also file one original transmittal letter with Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary, FCC, 445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition, carriers should file a complete copy set of the transmittal letter, paper report, and data diskette with ITS, Inc., 1231 20th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

For further information contact Cathy Hsu of the Telecommunications Division, International Bureau, at (202) 418-2114.