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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU RELEASES DRAFT OF REVISED
TELECOMMUNICATIONS REPORTING WORKSHEET (FCC FORM 499-A)
FOR 2003
CC Docket No. 96-45**

In this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) releases a draft of the revised Telecommunications Reporting Worksheet (FCC Form 499-A, "Worksheet") for 2003 revenues (Attached as Appendix A). This Worksheet has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval.¹ The Bureau is releasing this draft in anticipation of OMB approval to allow carriers maximum opportunity to prepare to complete the revised Worksheet. The final Worksheet will be available to contributors upon OMB approval. Completed Worksheets are due April 1, 2004. The significant changes to the proposed revised Worksheet include:

- **Record Keeping:** Section II.F (*see* page 11) clarifies filers' obligation to maintain records and documentation to justify information reported in the Worksheet, including the methodology used to determine projections, for three years, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.711.
- **Line 105 and corresponding instructions** (*see* pages 12-13): Filers will be allowed to list the top five telecommunications activities that describe their businesses. Previously, filers were instructed to indicate only their principal line of business. In addition, a new descriptive category – "all distance" – was added.
- **Line 106:** Filers submitting information on a consolidated basis will be required to submit the holding or controlling company's IRS employee identification number.
- **Line 404 and corresponding instructions** (*see* pages 20-21): If filers can separately identify revenues associated with fixed local and long distance bundles from their books of account, they will report such revenues in Line 404(b). If filers cannot separately identify such revenues, they will report them in Line 404(a). Filers will be instructed to

¹ Notice of the proposed changes to the Worksheet appeared in the Federal Register on December 8, 2004 and February 17, 2004. *See* 68 FR 68390-02, 69 FR 7481-02. The Worksheet was submitted to OMB for approval on February 10, 2004.

provide a good faith estimate of the interstate revenues associated with bundled service offerings for a single price if they cannot otherwise determine the amounts from corporate records.

- Lines 421 and 422 and corresponding instructions (*see* pages 20, 24-25): To facilitate the true-up process under a projected collected system, filers will be required to report their uncollectible revenues/bad debt expense associated with their gross billed revenues from all sources as well as their end-user interstate and international end-user telecommunications revenues.
- Line 423 and corresponding instructions (*see* page 25): This line clarifies that the net universal service contribution base revenues should equal the amounts reported on Line 420 minus the amounts reported on Line 422.

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Appendix A

Draft Revised FCC Form 499-A