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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, 2004. The report should contain data as of December 31, 2003. The information and filing format for the Circuit Status Report is described in detail in the Circuit Status Filing Manual (Filing Manual) developed by the International Bureau.<sup>1</sup>

All facilities-based carriers need to file the report if they had any activated or idle circuits as of December 31, 2003. If carriers did not have any activated or idle circuits at year-end, they are not required to file this report, or any letter stating that they have no circuits to report.

The 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.

The Filing Manual defines international facilities-based circuits as “international circuits in which a carrier has an ownership interest. For this purpose, the term ownership interest includes outright ownership, indefeasible right of use (IRU) interests, or leasehold interests in bare capacity in an international facility, regardless of whether the underlying facility is a common or non-common carrier submarine cable or ... satellite system.” The manual further explains that leasehold interests in bare capacity “are distinct from private lines leased from another reporting international carrier.” (Circuit Status Filing Manual at p.5). Thus, any telecommunications carrier that has leased an international circuit from another common carrier or from a non-common carrier, other than a lease of private line “service” or “capacity” from a common carrier, must file a circuit status report and include that circuit in its report.

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<sup>1</sup> 10 FCC Rcd 8605, 1995. The filing manual is accessible on the FCC web-site:  
[www.fcc.gov/ib/pd/pf/csmanual.html](http://www.fcc.gov/ib/pd/pf/csmanual.html)

By contrast, pursuant to Section 63.23 of the Commission's rules,<sup>2</sup> carriers that have leased or otherwise acquired private line service or capacity from a common carrier 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. Private line resellers should report their resold circuits using the Facility Codes 11, 12 and 13 as specified in the manual. (See sample filing-template, attached as Attachment 1 to this Public Notice.)

Facilities-based carriers that are regulated as dominant on particular U.S. international routes under Section 63.10 must provide their circuit status information on a facility-specific basis for the dominant route only.<sup>3</sup> Carriers should provide the information in a separate appendix in the same table format as used in the Filing Manual with the addition of a column "Facility Name" after "Data field #2".

Carriers are required to file the reports on a common type and format of computer diskettes as described in the Filing Manual. We also accept Excel files. A sample filing-template with brief field description in Excel is attached as Attachment 1 to this public notice. For ease of reference, this public notice includes as Attachment 2, a list of the International Point country codes to be used by carriers in filing their circuit report. The detailed Filing Manual, along with other instructions that are needed to fulfill this filing requirement, can be found at our Internet address: <http://www.fcc.gov/ib/pd/pf/csmanual.html>. The Filing Manual is also available through the Commission's contractor for public service records duplication: Qualex International, Portals 11, 445 12th Street S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, telephone (202)-863-2893.

Carriers must file 2 copies of their transmittal letter and report, and 1 set of data diskettes, addressed to Cathy Hsu, Policy Division, International Bureau. Carriers must file their original transmittal letter (without the report) with Marlene Dortch, Secretary, FCC. Room TW-B204, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition, carriers should file a complete set of their submission, i.e., copies of transmittal letter, report, and data diskette, with the Commission's contractor, Qualex International (same mailing address as stated above).

For further information contact Cathy Hsu of the Policy Division, International Bureau, at (202) 418-2114, email: [cathy.hsu@fcc.gov](mailto:cathy.hsu@fcc.gov).

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<sup>2</sup> 47 CFR § 63.23.

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