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**FCC ANNOUNCES ELECTRONIC POSTING OF OMB-APPROVED FORM 477
FOR THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 FILING
AND
DATA COLLECTION WORKSHOP TO BE HELD ON JUNE 29, 2005**

***Information from More Providers Will Assist Commission's Efforts to Determine State of
Broadband Deployment and Evaluate Telecommunications Regulations***

On November 9, 2004, the Commission decided to eliminate reporting thresholds from its semi-annual Form 477 data collection and to make certain modifications to the form. *Local Telephone Competition and Broadband Reporting*, Report and Order, WC Docket No. 04-141, FCC 04-266 (rel. Nov. 12, 2004).

On May 26, 2005, the Office of Management and Budget granted the Commission's request for approval of the modified information collection (OMB Control Number: 3060-0816).

How to obtain FCC Form 477

The form is available from the Commission's web site at www.fcc.gov/formpage.html#477.

Data collection workshop

The Commission will hold a workshop to assist the entities that are required to complete and file the modified Form 477, including a variety of entities that previously were excused from filing because they have relatively few subscribers.

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 29, 2005
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
(Sign-in via 12th Street lobby from 12:30 p.m.)

Location: Federal Communications Commission
Commission Meeting Room
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC

Representatives of entities and industry associations who will attend the workshop in person are requested to notify Suzanne Mendez at the Wireline Competition Bureau's Industry Analysis and Technology Division, Suzanne.Mendez@fcc.gov, (202) 418-0941.

Webcast and Video

Audio/Video coverage of the workshop will be broadcast live over the Internet from the FCC's Audio/Video Events web page at www.fcc.gov/realaudio. The Commission's media server will support 200 simultaneous Internet users; associations with bridging capabilities may want to use them.

Reasonable Accommodations

Open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need including as much detail as you can. Also include a way we can contact you if we need more information. Make your request as early as possible; please allow at least five (5) days advance notice. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. Send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

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FORM 477 SUMMARY

Overall reporting

- There are no exemptions from reporting based on the number of connections, lines, or subscribers.
- Filings are due twice each year: on March 1 and on September 1.
- Reporting of connections, lines, or subscribers is on a state-by-state basis and not by ZIP Code.
- Data are reported in electronic format (on an Excel spreadsheet) and may be delivered via e-mail.

Confidentiality of Form 477 data

- Filers may request confidential treatment of reported data by simply checking a box on the form; a separate, redacted version of the form is no longer required.
- Filers requesting confidential treatment of reported data will have all of the procedural protections that are afforded by the Commission's existing confidentiality rules.
- The Commission generally commits to release only aggregated (non-company specific) data.

Reporting broadband connections

- Facilities-based providers of broadband connections to end user premises (on a retail or non-retail basis) report the connections.
- For this data collection, "broadband" is faster than 200 kbps in at least one direction.

Reporting local telephone information

- Incumbent and competitive local exchange carriers (both facilities-based and resellers) report.
- Facilities-based mobile telephony carriers (but not mobile telephony resellers) report.

What's changed in the data collection

- Reporting thresholds have been eliminated.
- There is more detailed reporting about broadband connection speeds.
- There is more detailed reporting about where the different broadband technologies are in use.
- Cable systems and incumbent local exchange carriers will report their broadband availability.
- Some local telephone competition questions have been eliminated or revised
- Local exchange carriers will report their status as default interstate long distance carriers.