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ANNUAL SECTION 43.61(a) INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRAFFIC REPORTS DUE BY AUGUST 1, 2005

Carriers are reminded that Section 43.61(a) of the Commission's rules requires each common carrier that provided international telecommunications services in year 2004 to file a report of their international traffic data for calendar year 2004 by July 31, 2005.¹ This Public Notice summarizes the reporting procedures.² It also revises the table of billing codes for facilities-based and facilities-resale services to reflect rule changes that eliminated alternative settlement arrangements³ and the Commission's international simple resale policy.⁴ The column previously titled "Alternative Settlement Arrangements" has been eliminated and the column previously titled "International Simple Resale and Hubbed Traffic" has been changed to, "All Non-Traditional Settlement and Proportionate Return."

The information and filing format for the International Telecommunications Traffic report is described in detail in the Manual for Filing Section 43.61 Data (10 FCC Rcd 13,418 (1995)). There are also four subsequent Public Notices which carriers should use to assist with their filing: DA 00-1526, Annual Section 43.61(a) International Telecommunications Traffic Reports Due by July 31, 2000 (rel. July 7, 2000); DA 99-1332, Further Clarification of Section 43.61 International Traffic Data Reporting Requirements (rel. July 7, 1999); DA 98-1369, Clarification of Section 43.61 International Traffic Data Reporting Requirements (rel. July 9, 1998); and Clarification of Section 43.61 International Traffic Data Reporting Requirements (rel. July 15, 1997). The Manual for Filing and the four public notices may be obtained at the following FCC Internet sites: <http://www.fcc.gov/ib> (go to "Industry Information" and click on "Section 43.61 International Traffic Data Report") and then FCC-State Link; or

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 43.61. Because July 31 falls on a Sunday this year, the report is due on Monday, August 1, 2005.

² The Commission, in April 2004, proposed modifications to the Sections 43.61 and 43.82 international data collection rules. See *Reporting Requirements for U.S. Providers of International Telecommunications Services; Amendment of Part 43 of the Commission's Rules*, IB Docket 04-112, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 19 FCC Rcd 6460 (2004). The Commission has not taken final action on those proposed changes yet.

³ *1998 Biennial Regulatory Review, Reform of the International Settlements Policy and Associated Filing Requirements*, IB Docket No. 98-148, Report and Order, 14 FCC Rcd 7963 (1999), paragraphs 75-81.

⁴ *International Settlements Policy Reform, International Settlement Rates*, IB Docket Nos. 02-324, 96-261, First Report and Order, 19 FCC Rcd 5709 (2004), paragraphs 26-31.

<http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/iatd/stats.html> "International Traffic Data."

All common carriers that provided international facilities-based and facilities-resale switched and private line services, or pure switched resale services, in the calendar year are required to file the report regardless of the amount of traffic they provided. Facilities-based services are provided using international transmission facilities that the carrier owns in whole or in part, or that the carrier leases from an entity that does not report those circuits in its own Section 43.61 report. Facilities-resale services are provided by leasing non-switched international circuits from other reporting international carriers. These are distinct from pure switched resale services, which are switched services that are provided by reselling the international switched services of other U.S.-authorized carriers. International facilities-based and facilities-resale switched message telephone and private line services data must be filed on a country-by-country, region and world total basis. International switched telegraph, telex and other miscellaneous services data may be provided on a region and world total basis only. Carriers that provided international pure switched resale services for the calendar year may file world totals only.

Attached to this Public Notice as Attachment 1 is a table of billing codes for facilities-based and facilities-resale services. We recommend that carriers start processing their 2004 calendar year reports prior to the July 31, 2005 due date.

Carriers are required to file the reports on a common type and format of computer diskettes as described in the Filing Manual. Each filed diskette must follow the correct format as stated in the Filing Manual, Section 2 - Diskette Format and Coding Instructions. All files need to convert to the suitable format for the processing program. Please refer to the Filing Manual, Section 2, B. Record Formats for detailed instruction. Carriers may also use Excel to create their reports. Using Excel to create the .436 file for filing, click [File]; select [Save as]; and then, in the dialog box, click [Save as Type]; use the drop down box to select the file type "Formatted Text (Space Delimited)". This will re-save the spreadsheet with a ".prn" file extension. You will then have to rename the spreadsheet to change the file extension to ".436". That is the version of the file to be filed with the Commission. This Public Notice also includes, as Attachment 2, a sample Excel filing-template with brief field descriptions for facilities-based/facilities-resale submissions and, as Attachment 3, a list of international terminating points. Carriers are reminded to contact the FCC for international terminating points not included on the list. The Filing Manual, Public Notices and International Points reports are also available through the Commission's contractor for public service records duplication: Best Copy and Printing, Inc., Portals II, CY-B402, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington D.C. 20554, telephone 1-800-378-3160, facsimile 202-488-5563, or at their web site: WWW.BCPIWEB.COM.

Carriers should file two copies of the original transmittal letter and an original and one copy of both the public and confidential versions of the report, and one set of data diskettes for both the public and confidential versions, with Linda Blake, Strategic Analysis and Negotiations Division, International Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554. Electronic Media should be overnight or messenger-delivered to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. Carriers should also file **one original transmittal letter only** with Marlene Dortch, Secretary, FCC, TW-B204, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition, carriers should file one copy of the transmittal letter, the public version paper report, and the public version diskette with the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (same mailing address as stated above).

For further information contact Linda Blake, Strategic Analysis and Negotiations Division, International Bureau (202) 418-0945, email: Linda.Blake@fcc.gov.

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