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INTERNATIONAL BUREAU ANNOUNCES MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING FOR ALL INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FILINGS EFFECTIVE JUNE 12, 2006

IB DOCKET NO. 04-226

The International Bureau announces that beginning June 12, 2006, applications and other filings related to international telecommunications services – as set forth in the attachment to this Public Notice – must be filed electronically via the International Bureau Filing System (IBFS), in accordance with the rules adopted in the Commission's *Mandatory Electronic Filing Report and Order*.¹ Paper versions of these applications and filings will not be accepted as of that date and will be returned to the applicant without being processed, unless a waiver is approved by the Commission.²

On May 11, 2005, the Commission adopted rules in its *Mandatory Electronic Filing Report and Order* that require applicants to file electronically applications and other filings related to international telecommunications services.³ The rules also require filers to submit such applications and other filings via the International Bureau Filing System (IBFS). These rules apply to the applications and filings associated with: section 214 authorizations; submarine cable landing licenses; accounting rate changes; assignment of data network identification codes; foreign carrier notifications; recognized operating agency status; and assignment of an international signaling point code. These rules became effective on April 12, 2006.^{4,5}

¹ See *Mandatory Electronic Filing for International Telecommunications Services and Other International Filings*, IB Docket No. 04-226, Report and Order, 20 FCC Rcd 9292 (2005) (*Mandatory Electronic Filing Report and Order*).

² Applicants may file a request for waiver of the electronic filing requirements under limited circumstances for good cause shown, pursuant to section 1.3 of the Commission's rules. See *Mandatory Electronic Filing Report and Order*, 20 FCC Rcd at 9296, ¶ 13 (citing 47 C.F.R. § 1.3).

³ See *Mandatory Electronic Report and Order*, 20 FCC Rcd 9292.

⁴ See *Mandatory Electronic Filing for International Telecommunications Services and Other International Filings*, 71 Fed. Reg. 18667 (Apr. 12, 2006).

⁵ The new rules contained information collections that required approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). OMB has now completed its review and approved the information collections. See OMB Control Nos. 3060-0357; 3060-0454; 3060-0686; 3060-0944; 3060-1028; and 3060-1029.

In accordance with the *Mandatory Electronic Filing Report and Order*, the mandatory filing requirements will be implemented in stages as new forms are developed for IBFS.⁶ To allow applicants and carriers time to adjust to the new filing requirements, the Commission adopted a sixty-day transition period starting on the day the rules became effective. As the transition period began on April 12, 2006, applications and filings referenced in the attachment must be filed electronically via IBFS beginning June 12, 2006.

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⁶ As new forms are developed for other types of international applications, the International Bureau will issue public notices announcing the availability of new forms and the effective date of the electronic filing requirement, which will trigger the sixty-day transition period. The public notices to be issued by the International Bureau are in accordance with the *Mandatory Electronic Filing Report and Order*, which delegated this authority to the Bureau. See 20 FCC Rcd at 9296, ¶ 12.

ATTACHMENT

ELECTRONIC FORMS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

Name of Filing	IBFS Abbreviation	Brief Description	Rule Section
INTERNATIONAL SECTION 214 AUTHORIZATION			
International Telecommunications Certificate (ITC) -- Authorization Application	ITC-214	Application for authorization to construct a new line, or acquire or operate any line, or engage in transmission over or by means of such additional line for the provision of common carrier communications services between the U.S., its territories or possessions, and a foreign point.	§63.12 §63.18 §63.20
International Telecommunications Certificate (ITC) – Assignment	ITC-ASG	Application for, or notification of, assignment of an authorization, or a portion of it, from one entity to another. Following an assignment, the authorization will usually be held by an entity other than the one to which it was originally granted.	§63.24
International Telecommunications Certificate (ITC) -- Transfer of Control	ITC-T/C	Application for, or notification of, transfer of control of an authorization. Following the transfer of control, the authorization remains held by the same entity, but there is a change in the entity or entities that control the authorization holder.	§63.24
International Telecommunications Certificate (ITC) -- Special Temporary Authority	ITC-STA	Application for immediate authority for temporary service or for emergency service (Special Temporary Authority).	§63.25
SUBMARINE CABLE LANDING LICENSE			
Submarine Cable Landing License (SCL) – Application	SCL-LIC	Application for authorization to land one or both ends of a cable in the territorial waters of the U.S.	§1.767

Name of Filing	IBFS Abbreviation	Brief Description	Rule Section
ACCOUNTING RATE CHANGE			
International Accounting Rate Change (ARC)	ARC-MOD	Request to initiate or modify an accounting rate arrangement with a foreign carrier that possesses market power, except for service on U.S. international routes that are exempt from the international settlements policy.	§64.1001
DATA NETWORK IDENTIFICATION CODE			
Request for Assignment of Data Network Identification Code (DNC)	DNC-NEW	Request by any public network that wishes to operate on an X.25 packet switch protocol and that interconnects with another data network through an X.70 interface, as detailed in the rules.	R&O in Docket 83-1230, 104 FCC 2d 208, 262-7, paras. 70-77 (1986), <i>recon. grtd in part</i> , 2 FCC Rcd 7375, 7378-80 paras. 26-34 (1987)
FOREIGN CARRIER NOTIFICATION			
Foreign Carrier Affiliation Notification (FCN)	FCN-NEW	Notification by an authorized international section 214 license holder, either prior to or after the consummation of an investment resulting in a foreign carrier affiliation, as detailed in the rules.	§63.11
RECOGNIZED OPERATING AGENCY STATUS			
Recognized Operating Agency Filings (ROA)	ROA-NEW	Mandatory filing for any individual or corporation, other than a government establishment, that seeks recognition to operate an international public correspondence or radio service capable of causing harmful interference and upon which are imposed obligations provided for in Article 44 of the International Telecommunication Convention.	International Telecommunication Convention §63.701 R&O in Docket 83-1230, 104 FCC 2d 208, 245-53, paras. 55-61 (1986), <i>recon grtd in part</i> , 2 FCC Rcd 7375 (1987)
INTERNATIONAL SIGNALING POINT CODE			
International	SPC-NEW	Request for assignment of	ITU-T

Name of Filing	IBFS Abbreviation	Brief Description	Rule Section
Signaling Point Code Filings (SPC)		International Signaling Point Codes (ISPCs) for Signaling System No. 7.	Recommendation Q.708