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**FCC ANNOUNCES ELECTRONIC POSTING OF FCC FORM 477
(LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPETITION AND BROADBAND REPORTING)
FOR THE MARCH 1, 2006 FILING**

Clarifies Reporting of Presubscribed Interstate Long Distance Carrier Status

The FCC Form 477 for the filing due on or before March 1, 2006 is now available electronically on the Commission's website. Filers may obtain the form, and the accompanying detailed reporting instructions, at <http://www.fcc.gov/formpage.html#477>.

All facilities-based providers of wired or wireless broadband connections to end user locations, all local exchange carriers, and all non-reseller commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) providers offering mobile telephony are required to file Form 477 twice each year. In the filing that is due on or before March 1, 2006, filers will report information about broadband connections and local telephone service as of December 31, 2005.

For the purposes of Form 477, a broadband connection is one that enables the end user to receive information from and/or send information to the Internet at information transfer rates exceeding 200 kilobits per second. The facilities-based provider of a broadband connection is the entity that owns the portion of the wired broadband connection that terminates at the end user location, that provisions/equips over licensed or unlicensed spectrum the broadband wireless channel that terminates at the end user location, or that obtains an unbundled network element, special access line, or other leased facility to the end user location and provisions/equips it as broadband.

The term "presubscribed interstate long distance carrier" replaces "default interstate long distance carrier" wherever the latter term previously appeared in the form and the detailed reporting instructions. For the purposes of Form 477, the new term "presubscribed interstate long distance carrier" has the same definition and calls for the same information as the prior term, but is more consistent with industry usage.

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