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## **NEW ETFS RULES EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 17, 2011**

### **WC Docket No. 10-141**

The Wireline Competition Bureau has announced that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information collection associated with the Commission's Electronic Tariff Filing System Report and Order (*ETFS Order*).<sup>1</sup> The *ETFS Order* revises the Commission's rules to enable all tariffs to be filed electronically, and those rule revisions become effective on November 17, 2011.<sup>2</sup>

As required by the *ETFS Order*, all tariff filers must use the Electronic Tariff Filing System (ETFS) to file their initial Base Document within sixty (60) days after the rules become effective.<sup>3</sup> Accordingly, tariff filers should file their initial Base Document and/or Informational Tariff using the ETFS between November 17, 2011 and January 17, 2012. We encourage tariff filers to plan appropriately and not wait until the last day of the 60-day period to ensure that the ETFS will be able to accept their filing. In filing their initial Base Document and/or Informational Tariff, carriers should file electronically the exact tariff that is effective with the Commission at that time. These initial documents must be filed in Adobe Acrobat's Portable Document Format (PDF) format and should include a cover letter that concisely explains the nature and purpose of the filing.<sup>4</sup> No transmittal number or filing fee is required for this initial filing.

To file the initial Base Document and/or Informational Tariff during the initial 60-day filing period, carriers will need their FCC Registration Number (FRN) and FRN password. The FRN and FRN password will be used by the ETFS system to generate a specific ETFS ID. After the initial 60-day filing period, new carriers filing on the ETFS must establish a new account and the Commission will assign the required ETFS ID.

Except for Operator Service Providers (OSPs), once the initial Base Document is filed all subsequent tariff revisions to this document must be filed on the ETFS and such filings must comply with

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<sup>1</sup> See Federal Communications Commission, Electronic Tariff Filing System (ETFS), 76 FR 61956 (citing *Electronic Tariff Filing System*, WC Docket No. 10-141, Report and Order, 26 FCC Rcd 8884 (2011) (*ETFS Order*)).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> *ETFS Order*, 26 FCC Rcd at 8889, para. 16.

<sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 61.15(i) as revised effective Nov. 17, 2011.

the revised Part 61 rules.<sup>5</sup> OSPs must file their revised Informational Tariffs on the ETFS in accordance with Section 64.709<sup>6</sup> of the Commission's rules and Section 226(h)(1) of the Act.

The *ETFS Order* is available on the Commission's website at [http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/FCC-11-92A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-11-92A1.pdf). (Documents are available electronically in Microsoft Word, and/or Adobe Acrobat formats.) The document is also available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., CY-A257, Washington, DC, 20554. The complete text may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington DC 20554. Alternate formats are available for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), by sending an email to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or calling the Commission's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

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<sup>5</sup> 47 C.F.R. Part 61 as revised effective Nov. 17, 2011.

<sup>6</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 64.709 as revised effective Nov. 17, 2011.