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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF REVENUE THRESHOLDS

This notice announces the inflation-adjusted 2015 revenue thresholds used for classifying carrier categories for various accounting and reporting purposes: (1) distinguishing Class A carriers from Class B carriers,¹ and (2) distinguishing larger Class A carriers from mid-sized carriers.² The revenue threshold between Class A carriers and Class B carriers is increased to \$155.0 million.³ The revenue threshold between larger Class A carriers and mid-sized carriers is increased to \$9.18 billion.⁴ The revenue thresholds for 2015 were determined as follows:

	Class A to Class B Threshold	Larger Class A to Mid-size Threshold
(1) GDP-CPI Base (2009=100)	71.282 ⁵	84.244 ⁶
(2) 2015 GDP-CPI ⁷	110.498	110.498
(3) Inflation Factor (line 2 ÷ 1)	1.550	1.312
(4) Original Revenue Threshold	\$100 million	\$7 billion
(5) 2015 Revenue Threshold (line 3*4)	\$155.0 million	\$9.18 billion

¹ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 32.11, 43.21, 43.43, 64.903.

² See 47 C.F.R. § 32.9000.

³ Section 402(c) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 Act mandates that we adjust this revenue threshold annually to reflect the effects of inflation since October 19, 1992, at which time the threshold was \$100 million. Pub. L. No. 104-104, § 402(c), 110 Stat. 56, 130 (1996). In accordance with the statute, we adjust the threshold based on the ratio of the gross domestic product chain-type price index (GDP-CPI) in the revenue year and the GDP-CPI for October 19, 1992.

⁴ In the *Phase 2 Report and Order* released November 5, 2001, the Commission concluded that it would begin annually indexing for inflation the \$7 billion threshold used to separate the larger Class A carriers and the mid-sized carriers using the GDP-CPI index factor. Because this Order was released in 2001, initially we used December 31, 2001 GDP-CPI as the base. See *2000 Biennial Regulatory Review – Comprehensive Review of the Accounting Requirements and ARMIS Reporting Requirements for Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers: Phase 2; Amendments to the Uniform System of Accounts for Interconnection; Jurisdictional Separations Reform and Referral to the Federal-State Joint Board; Local Competition and Broadband Reporting*, CC Docket No. 00-199, Report and Order in CC Docket Nos. 00-199, 97-212, and 80-286; Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket Nos. 00-199, 99-301, and 80-286, 16 FCC Rcd 19913 (2001) (*Phase 2 Report and Order*). Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) periodically changes the Base Period year. In 2013, the BEA changed the base year to 2009.

⁵ GDP-CPI adjusted to October 19, 1992 (2009 = 100).

⁶ GDP-CPI for December 31, 2001 (2009 = 100).

⁷ National Income and Product Accounts Table, Bureau of Economic Analysis, August 26, 2016, Table 1.1.4.