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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU REMINDS NONDOMINANT INTEREXCHANGE CARRIERS TO FILE ANNUAL SECTION 64.1900 CERTIFICATIONS BY MAY 1, 2023

CC Docket No. 96-61

By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) reminds nondominant interexchange carriers (IXCs) to submit annual filings by **May 1, 2023** certifying compliance with their geographic rate averaging and rate integration obligations pursuant to section 64.1900 of the Commission's rules.¹

Section 254(g) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act), requires providers of interexchange telecommunications services to charge rates to subscribers in rural and high cost areas that are no higher than urban areas and to charge rates in one state that are no higher than rates charged in other states.² As part of the rules implementing section 254(g) of the Act, the Commission adopted section 64.1900, requiring nondominant IXCs providing detariffed interstate, domestic, interexchange services, to annually certify that they are in compliance with their geographic rate averaging and rate integration obligations pursuant to section 254(g) of the Act.³ The rule requires these certifications to be signed by an officer of the company, under oath.⁴ Consistent with past practice, the annual certifications should continue to be filed by May 1 each year.⁵ Accordingly, the annual section 64.1900 certifications should be filed this year on or before May 1, 2023.

Filing Requirements. Pursuant to section 64.1900 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 64.1900, nondominant IXCs must file their annual certifications on or before May 1, 2023. Certifications must be filed in **CC Docket No. 96-61**.

- **Electronic Filers:** Certifications may be filed electronically via the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS): <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.⁶
- **Paper Filers:** Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. Filings can be sent by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal

¹ 47 CFR § 64.1900.

² 47 U.S.C. § 254(g).

³ 47 CFR § 64.1900; 47 U.S.C. § 254(g); *see Policy and Rules Concerning the Interstate, Interexchange Marketplace*, CC Docket No. 96-61, Second Report and Order, 11 FCC Rcd 20730, 20773-78, paras. 78-87 (1996); Order on Reconsideration, 12 FCC Rcd 15014 (1997); Second Order on Reconsideration and Erratum, 14 FCC Rcd 6004 (1999).

⁴ 47 CFR § 64.1900(b).

⁵ *See Common Carrier Bureau Extends Deadline for First Annual Certification of Compliance with Geographic Deaveraging and Rate Integration Requirements to August 1, 2001*, CC Docket No. 96-61, Public Notice, DA 01-473 (Com. Car. Bur. Feb. 21, 2000).

⁶ *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.
- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 45 L Street, NE, Washington, DC 20554.
- Effective March 19, 2020, and until further notice, the Commission no longer accepts any hand or messenger delivered filings. This is a temporary measure taken to help protect the health and safety of individuals, and to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19.⁷

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For more information about this Public Notice, please contact Christopher S. Koves, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Christopher.Koves@fcc.gov.

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⁷ See *FCC Announces Closure of FCC Headquarters Open Window and Change in Hand-Delivery Policy*, Public Notice, 35 FCC Red 2788 (OMD 2020), <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-closes-headquarters-open-window-and-changes-hand-delivery-policy>.