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## ARMIS RECORDS FROM 2006 AND 2007 TO BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ABSENT A RENEWED REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

By this Public Notice, the Office of Economics and Analytics (OEA) announces that it will inform the National Archives that the National Archives may publicly release certain Automated Reporting Management Information System (ARMIS) reports in its possession unless the entity that submitted such reports concurrently submitted a request for confidential treatment under section 0.459 of the Commission's rules and notifies OEA no later than **April 15**, **2024** that it continues to request confidential treatment.

ARMIS is an automated system established by the Commission in 1987 to collect financial and operating data from certain carriers in order to administer the Commission's accounting, joint cost, separations, rate base disallowance, and access charges rules.<sup>1</sup> Further reporting obligations were enacted in the 1990s, although many of the ARMIS reporting requirements are no longer required due to subsequent Commission action.<sup>2</sup> Some of the ARMIS reports were submitted to the Commission along with requests for confidential treatment under section 0.459, but the Commission has not ruled on any such requests.

ARMIS records are typically sent to the National Archives five years after the filing date. Recently, the National Archives asked OEA whether it can publicly release the following ARMIS reports from 2006 and 2007:

- 43-02 Uniform System of Accounts Report
- 43-03 Joint Cost Report
- 43-04 Separation and Access Report
- 495B Actual Usage Investment Report

Those entities that filed such reports are available online.<sup>3</sup>

Consistent with the process established to address a similar earlier request from the National Archives, 4 OEA will inform the National Archives that it may proceed with the public release of such reports unless (i) a request for confidential treatment was submitted at the time of each report's filing, and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Automated Reporting Requirements for Certain Class A and Tier 1 Telephone Companies, Report and Order, 2 FCC Rcd 5770 (1987), recon. 3 FCC Rcd 6375 (1988).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For further information pertaining to the history of ARMIS and its obligations, see <a href="https://www.fcc.gov/economics-analytics/industry-analysis-division/armis/armis-instructions-data">https://www.fcc.gov/economics-analytics/industry-analysis-division/armis/armis-instructions-data</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See <a href="https://transition.fcc.gov/wcb/armis/documents/2006PDFs/cosa06.pdf">https://transition.fcc.gov/wcb/armis/documents/2006PDFs/cosa06.pdf</a>; <a href="https://transition.fcc.gov/wcb/armis/documents/2007PDFs/cosa07.pdf">https://transition.fcc.gov/wcb/armis/documents/2007PDFs/cosa07.pdf</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Commission Will Notify the National Archives that it May Remove the Designation of Confidentiality from Ten-Year Old ARMIS Records, Public Notice, DA 01-1392 (CCB 2001).

(ii) the entity (or its successor in interest) notifies OEA no later than **April 15, 2024** that it continues to request confidential treatment. This notification should include the prior request for confidential treatment as an attachment and must provide the specific reasons why such treatment is still appropriate, as required by section 0.459(b).<sup>5</sup> OEA will not consider broad or conclusory statements of confidentiality that do not meet the requirements of section 0.459(b). Entities must submit such notifications to Suzanne Mendez, Associate Chief of OEA's Industry Analysis Division, via email to Suzanne.Mendez@fcc.gov.

For further information, contact Suzanne Mendez at 202-418-0941 or the email address stated above.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See 47 CFR 0.459(b).