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FCC RELEASES 2000 INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC DATA

Washington, D.C. -- The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has released a report prepared by the Common Carrier Bureau's Industry Analysis Division entitled 2000 *International Telecommunications Data*.

Traffic between the United States and other countries is reported on a country-by-country basis for international message telephone and private line services. Starting with the 1998 traffic data, carriers were no longer required to file country-by-country data for international telex and telegraph services. Although international traffic data is reported in great detail, it is not reported until after U.S. and foreign carriers can reconcile their books. Carriers were required to file their 2000 data by July 31, 2001, and revisions by October 31, 2001.

Statistical Findings

- In 2000, fifty-one U.S. facilities-based and facilities-resale carriers reported that they billed \$15.1 billion for international telephone service, \$1.5 billion for private line services and \$0.3 billion for international telex, telegraph and other miscellaneous services. An additional six carriers requesting confidential treatment reported that they billed \$.1 billion in the above categories.
- U.S. billed minutes of telephone service increased annually around 15% since 1996. In 2000, U.S. facilities-based and facilities-resale carriers billed for 34.8 billion minutes of telephone service.
- U.S. and foreign carriers compensate each other for completed calls. Because U.S. customers place more calls than do foreign customers, U.S. carriers make net payments to foreign carriers. The net amount was approximately \$4.6 billion in 2000. U.S. carriers retained \$12.4 billion of international revenues.
- In addition to the above, 471 carriers reported that they provided their customers international services on a pure resale basis. Pure resale providers resell the services of underlying U.S. facilities-based and facilities-resale carriers. These pure resale providers billed customers \$6.3 billion for 16.9 billion minutes. For comparison purposes, in 1996, 313 pure resale providers reported that they billed \$3.6 billion for 7.1 billion minutes.

The report is available for reference in the FCC's Reference Information Center at 445 12th Street, S.W., Courtyard Level, Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies may be purchased by calling the FCC's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington D.C. 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail qualexint@aol.com. The report can also be downloaded [file names: 4361-F00.ZIP or 4361-F00.PDF] from the **FCC-State Link** Internet site at www.fcc.gov/ccb/stats.

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