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See *MCI v. FCC*, 515 F.2d 385 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION RELEASES *STATISTICS OF COMMUNICATIONS COMMON CARRIERS*

Washington, D.C. – Each year since 1939, the FCC has published the *Statistics of Communications Common Carriers*, a reference work widely used by academics, consultants, and other researchers in the field of telecommunications. This report includes a wealth of data on telecommunications costs, revenues, prices, and usage.

In order to expedite release of the information, the FCC is making all of the data available electronically at this time, well before the report's formal publication in December 2004. A second notice will be issued when printed versions can be purchased from the U.S. Government Printing Office.

The electronic version of the publication is available to the public free of charge. The 208-page volume is divided into the following five sections:

- Part 1 contains general information on industry structure.
- Part 2 contains financial and operating data relating to telephone carriers.
- Part 3 contains data on international communications.
- Part 4 contains historical financial and operating statistics.
- Part 5 contains data on industry trends.

The full report is available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. This report may be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., Portals II, 445 12th Street SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone 800-378-3160 or via their website at www.bcpweb.com. The publication also may be downloaded from the **FCC-State Link** Internet site at www.fcc.gov/web/stats.

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