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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION RELEASES TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDER LOCATOR

Washington D.C. – Today, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released its annual *Telecommunications Provider Locator* report. The report lists 5,283 companies registered to provide interstate telecommunications as of October 2004, as compared to 4,748 companies as of October 2003. For each of these providers, the report identifies whether it reported revenue for local, wireless, payphone, operator and prepaid calling card, or other toll services, and whether it contributed to support universal service. The report also provides contact information for each company.

This report was compiled using information from FCC Form 499-A Telecommunications Reporting Worksheets filed by telecommunications providers. The filed worksheets are proprietary and therefore not available to the public.

The report is available for reference in the FCC's Reference Information Center, Courtyard Level, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies may be purchased by contacting Best Copy and Printing, Inc., Portals II, 445 12th Street S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, telephone 800-378-3160, facsimile 202-488-5563, or via e-mail at fcc@bcpiweb.com. This report can be downloaded from the FCC-State Link Internet site at www.fcc.gov/wcb/iatd/locator.html.

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