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FCC RELEASES 2004 INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC DATA

Washington, D.C. -- The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) today released a report entitled *2004 International Telecommunications Data* which reports traffic between the United States and other countries for international message telephone, private line, and miscellaneous services on a country-by-country basis.

Statistical Findings

- Facilities-based and facilities-resale traffic increased 32.5% from 48.0 billion minutes in 2003 to 63.6 billion minutes in 2004. For categorizing traffic, a facilities-based carrier is one that provides service using its own international transmission facilities, while a facilities-resale carrier is a carrier that provides service utilizing international circuits leased from other reporting international carriers.
- U.S. billed revenues for international telephone, private line, and other miscellaneous services decreased 4% from 2003.

International Services Billed Revenues (Shown in Thousands of Dollars)

	2003	2004	%change
Telephone	\$8,862,599	\$8,663,408	-2.2%
Private Line	620,469	457,598	-26.2%
Other Misc.	156,117	136,479	-12.6%
Total Billed Revenues	\$9,738,993	\$9,351,168	-4.0%

- U.S. carriers' net settlement payments (the amount they pay foreign carriers to terminate traffic overseas) increased while retained international revenues (revenues after settlement payments are made) decreased.

Total Billed Revenues,
Net Settlement Payments, and
Retained Revenues
(Shown in Thousands of Dollars)

	2003	2004	%change
Total Billed Revenues	\$9,738,993	\$9,351,168	-4.0%
Net Settlement	(3,137,739)	(3,646,937)	16.2%
Retained	\$6,601,254	\$5,704,231	-13.6%

- Resale traffic grew from 36.1 billion minutes in 2003 to 38.5 billion minutes in 2004. Billed revenue for resale services decreased from \$5.8 billion in 2003 to \$5.2 billion in 2004.

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 contacting the FCC's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington D.C. 20554, telephone 1-800-378-3160, facsimile 202-488-5563, or via e-mail WWW.BCPIWEB.COM. The report can also be downloaded [file name: CREPOR04.ZIP or CREPOR04.PDF] from www.fcc.gov/ib.

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