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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION RELEASES DATA ON LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPETITION

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) today released new data on local telephone service competition in the United States. Twice a year, all incumbent local exchange carriers (incumbent LECs) and competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs) are required to report basic information about their local telephone service, and all facilities-based mobile telephony providers are required to provide information about their subscribers, pursuant to the FCC's local telephone competition and broadband data gathering program (FCC Form 477). Statistics released today reflect data as of June 30, 2006.

Summary Statistics

- End-user customers obtained local telephone service by utilizing approximately 142.2 million incumbent LEC switched access lines, 29.8 million CLEC switched access lines, and 217.4 million mobile telephony service subscriptions at the end of June 2006.
- Of the 29.8 million CLEC end-user switched access lines, 6.0 million lines were provided over coaxial cable connections. The 6.0 million lines represent about 56% of the 10.7 million end-user switched access lines that CLECs reported providing over their own local loop facilities.
- Mobile telephony service providers reported 217.4 million subscribers at the end of June 2006, which is 25.4 million, or 13%, more than a year earlier. About 7% of these subscribers were billed by mobile telephony service resellers.
- At least one CLEC was serving customers in 82% of the nation's Zip Codes at the end of June 2006. About 98% of United States households resided in those Zip Codes. Moreover, multiple carriers reported providing local telephone service in the major population centers of the country.
- The 29.8 million lines reported by CLECs is about 17% of the 172.0 million total end-user switched access lines reported for the end of June 2006.
- CLECs reported 12.4 million (or 12%) of the 104.8 million lines that served residential end users and 17.4 million (or 26%) of the 67.2 million lines that served business, institutional, and government customers.

- CLECs reported providing 36% of their end-user switched access lines over their own local loop facilities, 42% by using unbundled network elements (UNEs) that they leased from other carriers, and 22% through resale arrangements with unaffiliated carriers.
- Incumbent LECs reported providing about 22% fewer UNE loops with switching (referred to as the UNE-Platform) to unaffiliated carriers at the end of June 2006 than they reported six months earlier (8.4 million compared to 10.8 million) and about 1% fewer UNE loops without switching (4.4 million compared to 4.5 million).
- Incumbent LECs were the presubscribed interstate long distance carrier for 51% of the switched access lines they provided to end users, while CLECs were the interstate long distance carrier for 76% of their switched access lines.

As additional information becomes available, it will be posted on the Commission's Internet site.

The report is available for reference in the FCC's Reference Information Center, Courtyard Level, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. Copies may be purchased by calling Best Copy and Printing, Inc. at (800) 378-3160. The report can also be downloaded from the Wireline Competition Bureau Statistical Reports Internet site at www.fcc.gov/wcb/stats.

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