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INTERNATIONAL BUREAU RELEASES 2006 YEAR-END CIRCUIT STATUS REPORT FOR U.S. FACILITIES-BASED INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS *Data Reflects A Steady Growth of Total Capacity Used.*

Washington, DC – The FCC’s International Bureau today released its annual year-end circuit status report for U.S.-international facilities-based common carriers. The year-end 2006 report shows that the use of U.S.-international facilities for international calls, private line services, and other services from the United States grew by 25 percent in 2006.

The report relies on information provided by U.S.-international facilities-based common carriers and covers U.S. undersea cables, satellites, and terrestrial links. It identifies the activated (in-service) and idle (available, but not in-service) circuits for each international point as of December 31, 2006. Additionally, for purposes of comparison, this report incorporates historical data from the 2003-2005 circuit status reports.

Overall, the reported number of activated 64 Kbps equivalent circuits grew by 25 percent since 2005. At year-end 2006, the reported number of activated 64 Kbps equivalent circuits totalled 7,558,072 as compared to 6,043,315 at year-end 2005.

- By service type: International Message Telephone Service (IMTS) accounted for 9.6 percent of the total circuits used; International Private Line Services accounted for 48.7 percent of total circuits; and approximately 41.7 percent of total circuits were used for services other than traditional private line services (including data services).
- By transmission type: Undersea cables accounted for 85.6 percent of the overall active transmission capacity; terrestrial links accounted for 14.2 percent; and satellite accounted for 0.2 percent.
- The top 30 destinations among all international routes accounted for 97 percent of the total activated circuits. The percentage of idle circuits (as compared to the total circuit capacity, active and idle) decreased slightly from 50 percent in 2005 to 49 percent in 2006.

The report is available on the International Bureau home page at www.fcc.gov/ib/pd/pf/csmanual.html. The report also is available for reference in the FCC

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