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FCC RELEASES NEW DATA ON INTERNET ACCESS SERVICES AND LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPETITION

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission has released its latest reports on Internet access service connections and local telephone services in the United States.

Titled *Internet Access Services* and *Local Telephone Competition*, respectively, the reports are based on data submitted by service providers every six months on FCC Form 477. The reports include data collected by the FCC through December 31, 2013.

Highlights from the reports include the following:

- The number of connections with downstream speeds of at least 10 Mbps increased by 104% over December 2012, from 60 million to 122 million connections, including 64 million fixed connections and 58 million mobile connections.
- The number of mobile subscriptions with speeds over 200 kbps in at least one direction grew from 169 million to 197 million – up 17% from December 2012.
- In voice services, there were 85 million end-user switched access lines in service, 48 million interconnected VoIP subscriptions, and 311 million mobile voice subscriptions, or 444 million retail local telephone service connections in total as of December 31, 2013.
- Over the three years between December 2010 and December 2013, interconnected VoIP subscriptions increased at a compound growth rate of 15%, mobile voice subscriptions increased at a compound annual growth rate of 3%, and retail switched access lines declined at 10% a year.

The Commission adopted changes to its FCC Form 477 program in June 2013 to assume responsibility for the collection of data on broadband deployment, an effort previously overseen by the National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA) in coordination with the States, to implement a new approach for reporting broadband connection speeds of fixed and mobile services, and to require reporting of wireline voice subscribership at the census tract level as has been required for wireline broadband subscribership. Additional information about these requirements is available at <http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/form-477-resources-filers>.

The *Internet Access Services* and *Local Telephone Competition* reports can be downloaded at <http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/statistical-reports-telephone-and-broadband-services>. They are also available for reference in the FCC's Reference Information Center, Courtyard Level, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC, 20554. Copies may be purchased by calling Best Copy and Printing, Inc. at (800) 378-3160.

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