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### FCC RELEASES 2013 INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC DATA

WASHINGTON, July 16, 2015 – The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) today released an annual report entitled *2013 International Telecommunications Data* regarding international telephone, private line, and miscellaneous services between the United States and other countries.

Highlights

* The average per-minute rate for international calling charged by facilities-based U.S. common carriers rose 8% from $0.049 per minute in 2012 to $0.053 per minute in 2013. From 2000 to 2013, the per-minute rate decreased 89%, from $0.47 per minute to $0.053 per minute.
* International “U.S.-billed” traffic - primarily traffic originating in the United States - decreased 5.5%, from 77.9 billion minutes in 2012 to 73.6 billion minutes in 2013.
* Calls to five countries account for 64% of outgoing international U.S.-billed minutes. The five most heavily used routes in 2013 were U.S.-Mexico (22.6%), U.S.-India (22.2%), U.S.-Canada (13.5%), U.S.-Colombia (3.0%), and U.S.-United Kingdom (2.7%).
* U.S.-billed revenues for international telephone, private line, and other miscellaneous services (*e.g.*, frame relay/ATM, switched Ethernet, TDM/TDMA, and virtual private network) increased collectively 2.4%, from $4.2 billion in 2012 to $4.3 billion in 2013.

**U.S.-International Services Billed Revenues**

(Shown in Thousands of Dollars)

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|  | **2012** | **2013** | **Percent Change** |
| **Telephone** | $3,795,936 | $3,873,549 | 2.0% |
| **Private Line** | 412,784 | 439,241 | 6.4% |
| **Other Miscellaneous** | 9,723 | 5,077 | -47.8% |
| **Total Billed Revenues** | $4,218,443 | $4,317,867 | 2.4% |

* U.S. carriers’ net settlement payments (amounts they pay to terminate traffic overseas, less settlement amounts received from foreign carriers) decreased 1.4%. Retained international revenues (revenues after settlement payments are made) increased 6.7% from 2012 to 2013.

**Total U.S.-Billed Revenues,**

**Net Settlement Payments, and**

**Retained Revenues**

(Shown in Thousands of Dollars)

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|  | **2012** | **2013** | **Percent Change** |
| **Total Billed Revenues** | $4,218,443 | $4,317,867 | 2.4% |
| * **Net Settlement** | 2,258,515 | 2,226,654 | -1.4% |
| **Retained Revenues** | $1,959,928 | $2,091,213 | 6.7% |

* Pure resale traffic, not included above, decreased 10%, from 90.4 billion minutes in 2012 to 81.4 billion minutes in 2013. Billed revenues for resale services decreased 9.6%, from $5.2 billion in 2012 to $4.7 billion in 2013. The total number of carriers reporting resale services increased 4.6%, from 1,351 in 2012 to 1,413 in 2013.
* Interconnected VoIP services are not currently included in carriers’ FCC Part 43 data submissions for 2013 and are not reflected in this report.

The report is available [file name: CREPOR13.ZIP or CREPOR13.PDF] on the International Bureau’s home page at <http://www.fcc.gov/international-bureau>. The report is also available for reference in the FCC Reference Information Center, Courtyard Level, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C.

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