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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)

	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)

	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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