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service information only about its international common carrier service offerings and only for those routes on which the CMRS provider is classified as dominant under § 63.10 of this Chapter due to an affiliation with a foreign carrier that collects settlement payments from U.S. carriers for terminating U.S. international switched traffic at the foreign end of the route. Such a CMRS provider is not required to maintain its price and service information, however, on any such affiliated route if it provides service on that route solely through the resale of an unaffiliated facilities-based provider's international switched services. The price and service information maintained for purposes of this paragraph shall include documents supporting the rates, terms, and conditions of the carrier's international and interstate, domestic, interexchange offerings. The information maintained pursuant to this section shall be maintained in a manner that allows the carrier to produce such records within ten business days. For purposes of this paragraph, *affiliated* and *foreign carrier* are defined in § 63.09 of this chapter.

(b) The price and service information maintained pursuant to this section shall be retained for a period of at least two years and six months following the date the carrier ceases to provide services pursuant to such rates, terms and conditions.

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§ 43.01 Applicability.

(a) The sections in this part include requirements which have been promulgated under authority of sections 211 and 219 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, with respect to the filing by communication common carriers and certain of their affiliates of periodic reports and certain other data, but do not include certain requirements relating to the filing of information with respect to specific services, accounting systems and other matters incorporated in other parts of this chapter.

(b) Except as provided in paragraphs (c) and (d) of this section, carriers becoming subject to the provisions of the several sections of this part for the first time, shall, within thirty (30) days of becoming subject, file the required data as set forth in the various sections of this part.

(c) Carriers becoming subject to the provisions of §§ 43.21 and 43.43 for the first time, because their annual operating revenues equal or exceed the indexed revenue threshold for a given year, shall begin collecting data pursuant to such provisions in the calendar year following the publication of that indexed revenue threshold in the FEDERAL REGISTER. With respect to such initial filing of reports by any carrier, pursuant to the provisions of § 43.21 (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), and (k), the carrier is to begin filing data for the calendar year following the publication of that indexed revenue threshold in the FEDERAL REGISTER by April 1 of the second calendar year following publication of that indexed revenue threshold in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(d) Common carriers subject to the provisions of § 43.11 shall file data semi-annually. Reports shall be filed each year on or before March 1st (reporting data about their deployment of local exchange services as of December 31 of the prior year) and September 1st (reporting data about their deployment of local exchange services as of June 31 of

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the current year). Common carriers becoming subject to the provisions of § 43.11 for the first time within a calendar year shall file data for the reporting period in which they become eligible and semi-annually thereafter. Common carriers subject to the provisions of § 43.11 shall make an initial filing of the FCC Form 477 on May 15, 2000 (reporting data about their deployment of local exchange services as of December 31, 1999).

[28 FR 13214, Dec. 5, 1963, as amended at 62 FR 39778, July 24, 1997; 65 FR 19685, Apr. 12, 2000; 78 FR 49149, Aug. 13, 2013]

§ 43.11 Reports of local exchange competition data.

(a) All common carriers and their affiliates (as defined in 47 U.S.C. 153(1)) providing telephone exchange or exchange access service (as defined in 47 U.S.C. 153(16) and (47)), commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) providers offering mobile telephony (as defined in § 20.15(b)(1) of this chapter), and Interconnected Voice over IP service providers (as defined in § 9.3 of this chapter), shall file with the Commission a completed FCC Form 477, in accordance with the Commission's rules and the instructions to the FCC Form 477.

(b) Respondents identified in paragraph (a) of this section shall include in each report a certification signed by an appropriate official of the respondent (as specified in the instructions to FCC Form 477) and shall report the title of their certifying official.

(c) Disclosure of data contained in FCC Form 477 will be addressed as follows:

(1) Emergency operations contact information contained in FCC Form 477 are information that should not be routinely available for public inspection pursuant to § 0.457 of this chapter.

(2) Respondents may make requests for Commission non-disclosure of the following data contained in FCC Form 477 under § 0.459 of this chapter by so indicating on Form 477 at the time that the subject data are submitted:

(i) Provider-specific subscription data and

(ii) Provider-specific mobile deployment data that includes specific spectrum and speed parameters that may

be used by providers for internal network planning purposes.

(3) Respondents seeking confidential treatment of any other data contained in FCC Form 477 must submit a request that the data be treated as confidential with the submission of their Form 477 filing, along with their reasons for withholding the information from the public, pursuant to § 0.459 of this chapter.

(4) The Commission shall make all decisions regarding non-disclosure of provider-specific information, except that the Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau may release provider-specific information to:

(i) A state commission provided that the state commission has protections in place that would preclude disclosure of any confidential information, and

(ii) "Eligible entities," as those entities are defined in the Broadband Data Improvement Act, in an aggregated format and pursuant to confidentiality conditions prescribed by the Commission, and

(iii) Others, to the extent that access to such data can be accomplished in a manner that addresses concerns about the competitive sensitivity of the data and precludes public disclosure of any confidential information.

(d) Respondents identified in paragraph (b) of this section shall file a revised version of FCC Form 477 if and when they discover a significant error in their filed FCC Form 477. For counts, a difference amounting to 5 percent of the filed number is considered significant. For percentages, a difference of 5 percentage points is considered significant.

(e) Failure to file FCC Form 477 in accordance with the Commission's rules and the instructions to Form 477 may lead to enforcement action pursuant to the Act and any other applicable law.

[65 FR 19685, Apr. 12, 2000, as amended at 69 FR 77938, Dec. 29, 2004; 73 FR 37881, July 2, 2008; 78 FR 49149, Aug. 13, 2013]

§ 43.21 Transactions with affiliates.

(a) Communication common carriers having annual operating revenues in excess of the indexed revenue threshold, as defined in § 32.9000, and certain companies (as indicated in paragraph

(b) of this section) directly or indirectly controlling such carriers shall file with the Commission annual reports or an annual letter as provided in this section. Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, each annual report required by this section shall be filed no later than April 1 of each year, covering the preceding calendar year. It shall be filed on the appropriate report form prescribed by the Commission (see § 1.785 of this chapter) and shall contain full and specific answers to all questions propounded and information requested in the currently effective report forms. The number of copies to be filed shall be specified in the applicable report form. At least one copy of this report shall be signed on the signature page by the responsible accounting officer. A copy of each annual report shall be as retained in the principal office of the respondent and shall be filed in such manner to be readily available for reference and inspection.

(b) Each company, not itself a communication common carrier, that directly or indirectly controls any communication common carrier that has annual operating revenues equal to or above the indexed revenue threshold, as defined in § 32.9000, shall file annually with the Commission, not later than the date prescribed by the Securities and Exchange Commission for its purposes, two complete copies of any annual report Forms 10-K (or any superseding form) filed with that Commission.

(c) Each miscellaneous common carrier (as defined by § 21.2 of this chapter) with operating revenues for a calendar year in excess of the indexed revenue threshold, as defined in § 32.9000, shall file with the Common Carrier Bureau Chief a letter showing its operating revenues for that year and the value of its total communications plant at the end of that year. This letter must be filed no later than April 1 of the following year. Those miscellaneous common carriers with annual operating revenues that equal or surpass the indexed revenue threshold for the first time may file the letter up to one month after publication of the adjusted revenue threshold in the FEDERAL REGISTER, but in no event shall such car-

riers be required to file the letter prior to April 1.

(d) Each communications common carrier required by order to file a manual allocating its costs between regulated and nonregulated operations shall file, on or before April 1:

(1) A three-year forecast of regulated and nonregulated use of network plant for the current calendar year and the two calendar years following, and investment pool projections and allocations for the current calendar year; and

(2) A report of the actual use of network plant investment for the prior calendar year.

(e) Each incumbent local exchange carrier, except mid-sized incumbent local exchange carriers, as defined by § 32.9000 with annual operating revenues equal to or above the indexed revenue threshold shall file, no later than April 1 of each year:

(1) Its revenues, expenses and investment for all accounts established in part 32 of this chapter, on an operating company basis,

(2) The same part 32 of this chapter, on a study area basis, with data for regulated and nonregulated operations for those accounts which are related to the carrier's revenue requirement, and

(3) The separations categories on a study area basis, with each category further divided into access elements and a nonaccess interstate category.

(f) Each incumbent local exchange carrier with operating revenues for the preceding year that equal or exceed the indexed revenue threshold shall file, no later than April 1 of each year, a report showing for the previous calendar year its revenues, expenses, taxes, plant in service, other investment and depreciation reserves, and other such data as are required by the Commission, on computer media prescribed by the Commission. The total operating results shall be allocated between regulated and nonregulated operations, and the regulated data shall be further divided into the following categories: State and interstate, and the interstate will be further divided into common line, traffic sensitive access, special access, and nonaccess.

(g) Each incumbent local exchange carrier for whom price cap regulation is mandatory and every incumbent

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local exchange carrier that elects to be covered by the price cap rules shall file, by April 1 of each year, a report designed to capture trends in service quality under price cap regulation. The report shall contain data relative to network measures of service quality, as defined by the Wireline Competition Bureau, from the previous calendar year on a study area basis.

(h) Each incumbent local exchange carrier for whom price cap regulation is mandatory shall file, by April 1 of each year, a report designed to capture trends in service quality under price cap regulation. The report shall contain data relative to customer measures of service quality, as defined by the Wireline Competition Bureau, from the previous calendar year a study area basis.

(i) Each incumbent local exchange carrier for whom price regulation is mandatory shall file, by April 1 of each year, a report containing data from the previous calendar year on a study area basis that are designed to capture trends in telephone industry infrastructure development under price cap regulation.

(j) Each incumbent local exchange carrier with annual operating revenues that equal or exceed the indexed revenue threshold shall file, no later than April 1 of each year, a report containing data from the previous calendar year on an operating company basis. Such report shall combine statistical data designed to monitor network growth, usage, and reliability.

(k) Each designated interstate carrier with operating revenues for the preceding year that equal or exceed the indexed revenue threshold shall file, no later than April 1 of each year, a report showing for the previous calendar year its revenues, expenses, taxes, plant in service, other investments and depreciation reserves, and such other data as are required by the Commission, on computer media prescribed by the Commission. The total operating results shall be allocated between regulated and nonregulated operations, and the regulated data shall be further divided into the following categories: State and interstate, and the interstate will be further divided into com-

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mon line, traffic sensitive access, special access, and nonaccess.

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§ 43.43 Reports of proposed changes in depreciation rates.

(a) Each communication common carrier with annual operating expenses that equal or exceed the indexed revenue threshold, as defined in § 32.9000, and that has been found by this Commission to be a dominant carrier with respect to any communications service shall, before making any changes in the depreciation rates applicable to its operated plant, file with the Commission a report furnishing the data described in the subsequent paragraphs of this section, and also comply with the other requirements thereof.

(b) Each such report shall contain the following:

(1) A schedule showing for each class and subclass of plant (whether or not the depreciation rate is proposed to be changed) an appropriate designation therefor, the depreciation rate currently in effect, the proposed rate, and the service-life and net-salvage estimates underlying both the current and proposed depreciation rates;

(2) An additional schedule showing for each class and subclass, as well as the totals for all depreciable plant, (i) the book cost of plant at the most recent date available, (ii) the estimated amount of depreciation accruals determined by applying the currently effective rate to the amount of such book cost, (iii) the estimated amount of depreciation accruals determined by applying the rate proposed to be used to the amount of such book cost, and (iv) the difference between the amounts determined in paragraphs (b)(2) (ii) and (iii) of this section;

(3) A statement giving the reasons for the proposed change in each rate;

(4) A statement describing the method or methods employed in the development of the service-life and salvage

estimates underlying each proposed change in a depreciation rate; and

(5) The date as of which the revised rates are proposed to be made effective in the accounts.

(c) Except as specified in paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(3) of this section, when the change in the depreciation rate proposed for any class or subclass of plant (other than one occasioned solely by a shift in the relative investment in the several subclasses of the class of plant) amounts to twenty percent (20%) or more of the rate currently applied thereto, or when the proposed change will produce an increase or decrease of one percent (1%) or more of the aggregate depreciation charges for all depreciable plant (based on the amounts determined in compliance with paragraph (b)(2) of this section) the carrier shall supplement the data required by paragraph (b) of this section with copies of the underlying studies, including calculations and charts, developed by the carrier to support service-life and net-salvage estimates. If a carrier must submit data of a repetitive nature to comply with this requirement, the carrier need only submit a fully illustrative portion thereof.

(1) A Local Exchange Carrier regulated under price caps, pursuant to §§ 61.41 through 61.49 of this chapter, is not required to submit the supplemental information described in paragraph (c) introductory text of this section for a specific account if: The carrier's currently prescribed depreciation rate for the specific accounts derived from basic factors that fall within the basic factor ranges established for that same account; and the carrier's proposed depreciation rate for the specific account would also be derived from basic factors that fall within the basic factor ranges for the same account.

(2) Local Exchange Carriers that are regulated under price caps, pursuant to §§ 61.41 through 61.49 of this chapter, and have selected basic factors that fall within the basic factor ranges for all accounts are exempt from paragraphs (b)(3), (b)(4), and (c) introductory text of this section. They shall instead comply with paragraphs (b)(1), (b)(2) and (b)(5) of this section and provide a book and theoretical reserve summary and a summary of basic fac-

tors underlying proposed rates by account.

(3) Interexchange carriers regulated under price caps, pursuant to §§ 61.41 through 61.49 of this chapter, are exempted from submitting the supplemental information as described in paragraph (c) introductory text of this section. They shall instead submit: Generation data, a summary of basic factors underlying proposed depreciation rates by account and a short narrative supporting those basic factors, including company plans of forecasted retirements and additions, recent annual retirements, salvage and cost of removal.

(d) Each report shall be filed in duplicate and the original shall be signed by the responsible official to whom correspondence related thereto should be addressed.

(e) Unless otherwise directed or approved by the Commission, the following shall be observed: Proposed changes in depreciation rates shall be filed at least ninety (90) days prior to the last day of the month with respect to which the revised rates are first to be applied in the accounts (e.g., if the new rates are to be first applied in the depreciation accounts for September, they must be filed on or before July 1). Such rates may be made retroactive to a date not prior to the beginning of the year in which the filing is made: *Provided however*, that in no event shall a carrier for which the Commission has prescribed depreciation rates make any changes in such rates unless the changes are prescribed by the Commission. Carriers who select basic factors that fall within the basic factor ranges for all accounts are exempt from depreciation rate prescription by the Commission.

(f) Any changes in depreciation rates that are made under the provisions of paragraph (e) of this section shall not be construed as having been approved by the Commission unless the carrier has been specifically so informed.

[28 FR 13214, Dec. 5, 1963, as amended at 30 FR 3223, Mar. 9, 1965; 53 FR 49987, Dec. 13, 1988; 58 FR 58790, Nov. 4, 1993; 61 FR 50246, Sept. 25, 1996; 62 FR 39779, July 24, 1997; 65 FR 18931, Apr. 10, 2000]

§ 43.51 Contracts and concessions.

(a)(1) Any communication common carrier described in paragraph (b) of this section must file with the Commission, within thirty (30) days of execution, a copy of each contract, agreement, concession, license, authorization, operating agreement or other arrangement to which it is a party and amendments thereto (collectively hereinafter referred to as “agreement” for purposes of this rule) with respect to the following:

- (i) The exchange of services; and,
- (ii) The interchange or routing of traffic and matters concerning rates, accounting rates, division of tolls, or the basis of settlement of traffic balances, except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section.

(2) If the contract, agreement, concession, license, authorization, operating agreement or other arrangement and amendments thereto is made other than in writing, a certified statement covering all details thereof must be filed by at least one of the parties to the agreement. Each other party to the agreement which is also subject to these provisions may, in lieu of also filing a copy of the agreement, file a certified statement referencing the filed document. The Commission may, at any time and upon reasonable request, require any communication common carrier not subject to the provisions of this section to submit the documents referenced in this section.

(b) The following communication common carriers must comply with the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section:

- (1) A carrier that is engaged in domestic communications and has not been classified as non-dominant pursuant to §61.3 of this Chapter; or
- (2) A carrier that is engaged in foreign communications and that has been classified as dominant for any service on any of the U.S.-international routes included in the contract, except for a carrier classified as dominant on a particular route due only to a foreign carrier affiliation under §63.10 of this chapter.

(c) With respect to contracts coming within the scope of paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of this section between subject telephone carriers and connecting carriers,

except those contracts related to communications with foreign or overseas points, such documents shall not be filed with the Commission; but each subject telephone carrier shall maintain a copy of such contracts to which it is a party in appropriate files at a central location upon its premises, copies of which shall be readily accessible to Commission staff and members of the public upon reasonable request therefor; and upon request by the Commission, a subject telephone carrier shall promptly forward individual contracts to the Commission.

(d) Any U.S. carrier, other than a provider of commercial mobile radio services, that is engaged in foreign communications, and enters into an agreement with a foreign carrier, is subject to the Commission’s authority to require the U.S. carrier providing service on any U.S.-international routes to file, on an as-needed basis, a copy of each agreement to which it is a party.

NOTE 1 TO §43.51: For purposes of this section, *affiliated* and *foreign carrier* are defined in §63.09 of this chapter.

NOTE 2 TO §43.51: To the extent that a foreign government provides telecommunications services directly through a governmental organization, body or agency, it shall be treated as a foreign carrier for the purposes of this section.

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EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 78 FR 11112, Feb. 15, 2013, §43.51 was amended by revising paragraph (d). This paragraph (d) contains information collection and recordkeeping requirements and will not become effective until approval has been given by the Office of Management and Budget.

§ 43.62 Reporting requirements for holders of international Section 214 authorizations and providers of international services.

(a) *Circuit Capacity Reports.* Not later than March 31 of each year:

- (1) *Satellite and Terrestrial Circuits.* Each facilities-based common carrier shall file a report showing its active common carrier circuits between the United States and any foreign point as

of December 31 of the preceding calendar year in any terrestrial or satellite facility for the provision of service to an end user or resale carrier, which includes active circuits used by themselves or their affiliates. Each non-common carrier satellite licensee shall file a report showing its active circuits between the United States and any foreign point as of December 31 of the preceding calendar sold or leased to any customer, including themselves or their affiliates, other than a carrier authorized by the Commission to provide U.S. international common carrier services.

(2) *International Submarine Cable Capacity*—(i) The licensee(s) of a submarine cable between the United States and any foreign point shall file a report showing the capacity of the submarine cable as of December 31 of the preceding calendar year. The licensee(s) shall also file a report showing the planned capacity of the submarine cable (the intended capacity of the submarine cable two years from December 31 of the preceding calendar year). Only one cable landing licensee shall file the capacity data for each submarine cable. For cables with more than one licensee, the licensees shall determine which licensee will file the reports.

(ii) Each cable landing licensee and common carrier shall file a report showing its capacity on submarine cables between the United States and any foreign point as of December 31 of the preceding calendar year.

(b) *Traffic and revenue reports.* (1) Not later than July 31 of each year, each person or entity that holds an authorization pursuant to section 214 to provide international telecommunications service shall report whether it provided international telecommunications services during the preceding calendar year.

(2) Not later than July 31 of each year, each common carrier engaged in providing international telecommunications service, and each person or entity engaged in providing Voice over Internet Protocol service connected to the public switched telephone network, between the United States and any foreign point shall file a report with the Commission showing revenues, pay-

outs, and traffic for such international telecommunications service and Voice over Internet Protocol service connected to the public switched telephone network provided during the preceding calendar year.

(3) Entities filing such reports shall submit a revised report by October 31 identifying and correcting any inaccuracies included in the annual report exceeding one percent of the reported figure.

NOTE TO PARAGRAPHS (a) AND (b): United States is defined in section 3 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 153.

(c)(1) A Registration Form, containing information about the filer, such as address, phone number, email address, etc., shall be filed with each report filed pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b).

(2) The Registration Form shall include a certification enabling the filer to check a box to indicate that the filer requests that its circuit capacity data or traffic and revenue data be treated as confidential. If a filer checks that box, the Commission shall treat the data contained in the accompanying report as confidential. Upon receipt of a request for inspection of such information, the Commission shall notify the filer; at that point, the filer must justify continued confidentiality of the information consistent with section 0.459(b) of the Commission's rules.

(d) *Filing Manual.* Authority is delegated to the Chief, International Bureau to prepare instructions and reporting requirements for the filing of these reports prepared and published as a Filing Manual. The information required under this section shall be furnished in conformance with the instructions and reporting requirements in the Filing Manual.

NOTE TO PARAGRAPH (d): The instructions and reporting requirements prepared by the Chief, International Bureau, shall be consistent with the terms of Reporting Requirements for U.S. Providers of International Telecommunications Services; Amendment of Part 43 of the Commission's Rules, IB Docket No. 04-112, Second Report and Order, FCC 13-6 (rel. January 15, 2013).

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