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FCC Announces Release Of Version of Local Competition and Broadband Reporting Form (FCC Form 477) For September 1, 2000 Filing

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In this Public Notice, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announces the release of the September 2000 version of the Local Competition and Broadband Reporting Form (FCC Form 477) and accompanying instructions. Providers of broadband services and local telephone service that meet the defined reporting threshold, described below, must file the Form 477 no later than September 1, 2000. Data collected through this program will advance the Commission's efforts to implement the pro-competitive, deregulatory provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Additionally, the information collected assists the Commission in its Congressionally-mandated inquiries as to whether "advanced telecommunications capability" is being deployed to all Americans in a reasonable and timely fashion.¹

On March 24, 2000, the FCC adopted the Local Competition and Broadband Reporting program to determine the extent of local telecommunications competition and deployment of broadband services.² Initial data were filed on May 15, 2000. As a result of that filing and after consultations with many filers, we have made ministerial revisions to the earlier form to clarify what kinds of data are requested. Filers should access the Commission's form page at <http://www.fcc.gov/formpage.html> to obtain the revised form and instructions.

Under the Local Competition and Broadband Reporting program, facilities-based broadband providers that serve 250 or more broadband lines in a given state must file a Form 477 for that state.³ Facilities-based providers of broadband services include (but are not necessarily limited to) incumbent and competitive local exchange carriers (LECs), cable companies, fixed wireless providers, terrestrial and satellite mobile wireless providers, Multipoint Distribution Service (MDS) providers, utilities, and others. The reporting threshold for broadband reporting is facilities-based firms that provide at least 250 one-way or two-way broadband (in excess of 200 kilobits per second) service lines or wireless channels in a given state, or have at least 250 one-way or two-way broadband customers in a given state.

¹ See *Second Inquiry Concerning Deployment of Advanced Telecommunications Capability to All Americans in a Reasonable and Timely Fashion, and Possible Steps to Accelerate Such Deployment Pursuant to Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, Notice of Inquiry, FCC 00-57, CC Docket No. 98-146 (rel. Feb. 18, 2000) (*Second Advanced Telecommunications NOI*).

² *Local Competition and Broadband Reporting*, Report and Order, FCC 00-114, CC Docket No. 99-301 (rel. Mar. 30, 2000) (*Data Gathering Order*).

³ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.7000 *et seq.*

In addition, all providers of local telephone service that serve 10,000 or more voice-grade equivalent lines or wireless channels in a given state must file a Form 477 for that state.⁴ This obligation applies to both incumbent and competitive LECs and applies without regard to the type of technology utilized by the LEC in delivering these services and without regard to the carrier's use of entry strategy (i.e., facilities-based, pure resale, or hybrid).

The Form 477 and its instructions are available at the FCC's website (www.fcc.gov/formspage). Filers must send completed copies of the Form 477 via diskette to the FCC's Industry Analysis Division, as explained in the Instructions, no later than September 1, 2000. For additional guidance, filers may wish to consult previously-released Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) sheets, which are also available on the FCC's website (at www.fcc.gov/broadband/data).

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⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 43.11.