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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**57 CFR Parts 43 and 63**

[CC Docket No. 93-157, FCC 95-280]

**Reports of Communications Common Carriers and Certain Affiliates; Filing Requirements for International Circuit Status Reports**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission adopted a Report and Order that will reduce the regulatory burden on facilities-based international carriers. The Commission's decision will reduce the filing frequency for international circuit status reports from monthly to annually and will require all facilities-based international common carriers to file such reports to assure that the Commission has available industry-wide international circuit use data. This decision also exempts nondominant facilities-based carriers from filing circuit addition reports. The Commission's decision also will reduce the filing frequency for international circuit addition reports for resellers of international private lines from semi-annually to annually. The Commission stated that the information compiled from these reports will provide valuable information to current industry members, potential new entrants into the industry, and the Commission. In addition, the information will allow the Commission to comply with the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 that requires it to collect annual regulatory fees on active equivalent 64

Kilobits per second (Kb/s) international circuits. In its decision, the Commission has: codified in the Commission's Rules requirements for the filing of international circuit status reports; reduced the frequency of filing such reports from monthly to annually; required all facilities-based international common carriers to file such reports; exempted nondominant facilities-based carriers from filing semi-annual circuit addition reports; reduced the frequency of filing by resellers of international private lines of the circuit addition reports from semi-annually to annually; provided for the preparation of a filing manual with reporting instructions; directed a format to be specified for the filing of those reports; and required the filing of such reports on computer diskettes.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 29, 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert E. Gosse, Attorney, International Bureau, Telecommunications Division, or Frances Eisenstein, Attorney, International Bureau, Telecommunications Division, (202) 418-1460.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's Report and Order adopted on July 12, 1995, and released on August 9, 1995 (FCC 95-280). The full text of this Report and Order is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M St., NW., Washington, DC. The complete text also may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 2100 M Street, NW., Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037.

**Paperwork Reduction Act**

The final rule imposes reporting requirements on additional entities. We recognize that the implementation of any such requirements will be subject to review of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Upon receipt of comments on the manual, we will submit the final version of the filing manual to the OMB for review and approval.

**Synopsis of Report and Order**

On July 2, 1993, the Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to consider possible rule changes that would reflect the reductions and streamlining of regulatory requirements that have occurred since the early 1970s (58 FR 42992 (August 12, 1993)). In the NPRM, the Commission sought comments on proposals that would reduce the filing frequency of circuit status reports. The Commission has found that these reports provide information that is useful in discharging its obligation to authorize the construction and use of international common carrier transmission facilities, but it no longer required that this information be filed monthly. Therefore, it proposed to require the filing of circuit status reports on an annual rather than a monthly basis.

On August 9, 1995, the Commission released its Report and Order (10 FCC Rcd 8605 (1995)) adopting the proposals contained in the NPRM. The Commission codified its rules to require the filing of international circuit status reports. This will inform all international carriers of the requirement. The information contained in the reports will be useful to current industry members, potential new entrants into the industry, and the Commission because this information is not available from any other reliable source. Since the Commission initiated the NPRM, Congress adopted the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (Budget Act) which requires the Commission to collect annual fees for active 64 Kb/s circuits. The annual circuit status reports will serve as a database for verifying and monitoring the payment of these fees.

The Commission also adopted its proposal to reduce the frequency of filing circuit status reports from monthly to annually. The Commission required the reports to be filed on or before March 31 of each year and provide the circuit status information as of December 31 of the immediately preceding year. The Commission required all facilities-based

international common carriers to file such reports. Since the annual circuit status reports will now serve as the database for the regulatory fees mandated by Congress, the Commission modified the types of circuits that are commonly reported in the monthly circuit status reports. Circuits for Canada and Mexico are international circuits included in the regulatory fees. Thus, they now will have to be included in the annual circuit status reports. The Commission denied Commenters' requests that nondominant carriers be exempt from all reporting requirements or, in the alternative, be required to file only the circuit addition reports. The Commission determined that there are numerous nondominant international facilities-based common carriers and these carriers account for a substantial use of international facilities. Therefore, the Commission's ability to monitor circuit status reports filed by nondominant facilities-based international common carriers will be useful to assure proper payment of the Budget Act's fees on active 64 Kilobits per second (Kb/s) equivalent circuits. The Commission also modified its rules to remove the requirement that circuit status information be filed on a transmission facility-by-facility basis. Instead, the Commission required that international facilities based carriers include the total number of activated and the total number of idle circuits by the following categories: submarine cable, satellite, and terrestrial facilities.

The Commission also adopted the suggestion of several of the Commenters and exempted nondominant facilities-based carriers from filing semi-annual circuit addition reports pursuant to Section 63.15(b) of the Commission's Rules, because information contained in the semi-annual circuit addition reports will be derivable from the annual circuit status reports.

Since the Commission did not require international private line resellers to file annual status reports, it will continue to require that private line resellers file circuit addition reports. The Commission, however, reduced the frequency of filing of the circuit addition reports from semiannually to annually and required that the reports be filed not later than March 31 of each year and show the circuit additions for the preceding year.

The Commission directed the Chief, International Bureau, to prepare a filing manual specifying reporting requirements for the annual circuit status reports. The Commission also agreed with Commenters that the International Bureau seek industry input on the filing manual. The

Commission stated that, to the extent possible, every effort should be made to collect the necessary information consistent with the ways the carriers maintain such information for their own purposes. The Commission determined that a common format for the reports will permit a more efficient use of the information. Thus, the Commission directed the Chief, International Bureau, to specify a format for the reports. The Commission required that the reports be filed on a common type and format of computer diskettes to enable it to combine data from the various carriers' reports.

Commenters in this proceeding strongly favored the actions taken because of the significant reduction in the previous filing requirements.

#### Final Regulatory Flexibility Act Analysis

Pursuant to Section 603 of Title 5, United States Code, 5 U.S.C. § 603, an Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis was incorporated in the Notice of Proposed Rule Making in CC Docket No. 93-157. Written comments on the proposals in the Notice, including the Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, were requested.

#### A. Need and Purpose of Rules

This rulemaking proceeding was initiated in order to reduce the burden on those international facilities-based common carriers filing monthly circuit status reports by reducing the frequency of filing such reports from monthly to annually. The rulemaking also sought to make the information derived from the annual circuit reports more complete and, therefore, more useful to the Commission by requiring all international facilities-based common carriers to file them. In addition, the rulemaking sought to make handling of the information provided by the annual circuit reports easier by requiring the development of a filing manual setting forth the requirements for such reports, establishing a common format for the reports, and requiring the filing of the reports on computer diskettes.

#### B. Issues Raised By the Public in Response to the Initial Analysis

A number of the Commenters proposed that nondominant international facilities-based common carriers that will be required to file annual circuit status reports be exempted from filing semi-annual circuit addition reports required by Section 63.15(b) of the Commission's Rules. The Commission adopted this proposal. One Commenter suggested that nondominant international carriers

be exempted from all reporting requirements. The Commission did not adopt that proposal because to do so would prevent it from developing a database of active 64 kb/s circuits that it needed for monitoring regulatory fees. A number of Commenters also proposed that the carriers be permitted input to the formulation of the filing manual and format for the annual circuit status reports. The Commission adopted that proposal.

#### C. Significant Alternatives Considered

The Commission considered and adopted the Commenters' proposal that nondominant international facilities-based carriers that are required to file annual circuit status reports not be required to file semi-annual circuit addition reports. The Commission also reduced the frequency of filing circuit addition reports from semi-annually to annually for those international carriers that must still file such reports. The Commission also considered and adopted the Commenters' proposal that facilities-based international carriers be given an opportunity to provide input to the formulation of the filing manual and format for the annual circuit status reports.

#### Ordering Clauses

Accordingly, it is ordered that the rule changes as specified below are adopted.

It is further ordered that the rule changes made herein will become effective ninety (90) days after publication in the Federal Register. This action is taken pursuant to Sections 4, 214, 219, 303(r) and 403 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154, 214, 219, 303(r) and 403 (1995).

It is further ordered that the Chief, International Bureau, shall develop a filing manual for the submission of international circuit status reports.

It is further ordered that the Chief, International Bureau, shall direct the International Bureau Staff to meet with the facilities-based international common carriers on the development of the filing manual.

It is further ordered that this Report and Order does not alter the requirement that MCI Communications Corporation file monthly circuit status reports for U.S.-U.K. circuits as required by paragraph 65 of our Declaratory Ruling and Order, *MCI Communications Corporation*, 9 FCC Rcd 3960 (1994).

It is further ordered that the Request to Submit Late-Filed Comments filed by GE Americom IS GRANTED.

It is further ordered that this proceeding is hereby terminated.

## List of Subjects

## 47 CFR Part 43

Communication common carriers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

## 47 CFR Part 63

Communication common carriers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Federal Communications Commission  
William F. Caton,  
*Acting Secretary.*

Parts 43 and 63 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

**PART 43—REPORTS OF COMMUNICATION COMMON CARRIERS AND CERTAIN AFFILIATES**

1. The authority citation for Part 43 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Secs. 4, 48 Stat. 1066, as amended; 47 U.S.C. 154, unless otherwise noted. Interpret or apply secs., 211, 219, 220, 48 Stat. 1073, 1077, as amended; 47 U.S.C. 211, 219, 220.

2. New Section 43.82 is added to read as follows:

**§ 43.82 International circuit status reports.**

(a) Each facilities-based common carrier engaged in providing international telecommunications service between the area comprising the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, and off-shore U.S. points and any country or point outside that area shall file a circuit status report with the Chief, International Bureau, not later than March 31 each year showing the status of its circuits used to provide international services as of December 31 of the preceding calendar year.

(b) The information contained in the reports shall include the total number of activated and the total number of idle circuits by the categories of submarine cable, satellite and terrestrial facilities to geographic points outside the United States for the services designated by the Chief, International Bureau.

(c) The information required under this section shall be furnished in conformance with instructions and reporting requirements prepared under the direction of the Chief, International Bureau, prepared and published as a manual.

(d) Authority is hereby delegated to the Chief, International Bureau to prepare instructions and reporting requirements for the filing of the annual international circuit status reports.

**PART 63—EXTENSION OF LINES AND DISCONTINUANCE, REDUCTION, OUTAGE AND IMPAIRMENT OF SERVICE BY COMMON CARRIERS; AND GRANTS OF RECOGNIZED PRIVATE OPERATING AGENCY STATUS**

1. The authority citation for Part 63 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Sections 1, 4(i), 4(j), 201–205, 218 and 403 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. secs. 151, 154(i), 154(j), 201–205, 218 and 403, unless otherwise noted.

2. Section 63.15(b) is revised to read as follows:

**§ 63.15 Special procedures for non-dominant international services.**

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(b) Any non-dominant party certified to provide international resold private lines to a particular geographic market shall report its circuit additions on an annual basis. Circuit additions should indicate the specific services provided (e.g., IMTS or private line) and the country served. This report shall be filed on a consolidated basis not later than March 31 for the preceding calendar year.

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**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

**48 CFR Part 1871**

**RIN 2700–AC18**

**Modification of Test of MidRange Procurement Procedures**

**AGENCY:** Office of Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Temporary rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Federal Procurement Policy approved a test of NASA's MidRange Procurement Procedures in 1993. This rule changes the procedures to reflect the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act and minor changes as a result of an additional year of testing the procedures.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This regulation is effective October 1, 1995, and expires June 30, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. T. Deback, (202) 358–0431.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The MidRange Procurement Procedures were published in 59 FR 59378, November 17, 1994. The following

substantive changes are being made to the MidRange Procurement Procedures: (1) The thresholds for all MidRange procedures, with the exception of the synopsis waiver, are increased to \$1M for an individual contract and \$5M for a contract plus options, and (2) all procurements of commercial items are considered MidRange procurement regardless of dollar value. In addition, all procedures other than the NASA Acquisition Internet Service and Best Value Selection have proven to be successful. NASA will continue to use these successful procedures. They are no longer considered to be undergoing testing. The NASA Acquisition Internet Service and Best Value Selection are still undergoing testing as part of the MidRange Procedure.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR 1871

Government Procurement.

Tom Luedtke,

*Deputy Associate Administrator for Procurement.*

Accordingly, 48 CFR part 1871 is amended as follows.

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 1871 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2473(c)(1).

**PART 1871—MIDRANGE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES**

2. Section 1871.000 is revised to read as follows:

**1871.000 Scope of part.**

This part prescribes policies and procedures for the acquisition of supplies, including commercial items, and services.

**Subpart 1871.1—General**

**1871.101 [Amended]**

3. Section 1871.101 is amended by removing the second sentence.

4. Section 1871.103 is revised to read as follows:

**1871.103 Applicability.**

(a) This part applies to all acquisitions, as described in 1871.103(b), conducted at NASA installations.

(b) This part applies to all contract actions the aggregate amount of which is greater than the simplified acquisition threshold (SAT) (FAR part 13) and not more than \$1,000,000 in basic value and for commercial items (FAR part 12) regardless of dollar value. For service contracts, up to four annual options of not more than \$1,000,000 each are permitted where the option requirements are substantially the same as the basic requirement. For R&D