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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION RELEASES DATA ON LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPETITION

Total CLEC Lines Climbed to Nearly 13 Million – a 53% Growth During First Six Months of This Year

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) today released summary statistics of its latest data on local telephone services competition in the United States. Providers file such data twice a year under the Commission's local competition and broadband data gathering program (FCC Form 477). The local competition and broadband data gathering program was adopted in March 2000 to assist the Commission in its efforts to further implement the pro-competitive, deregulatory provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

The information released today was filed by qualifying providers on September 1, 2000, and reflects data as of June 30, 2000. Noteworthy data include:

- Competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs) reported 12.7 million (or 6.7%) of the approximately 192 million nationwide local telephone lines in service to end-users on June 30, 2000, compared to 8.3 million (or 4.4% of nationwide lines) at the end of 1999. This represents a 53% growth in CLEC market size during the first six months of this year.
- More than 60% of CLEC local telephone lines served medium and large business, institutional, and government customers. By contrast, almost 80% of incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) lines served residential and small business customers.
- CLECs provided about one-third of end-user lines over their own local loop facilities. To serve the remainder of their customers, they resold the services of other telephone companies or leased unbundled network element (UNE) loops. Incumbent telephone companies provided about 5.7 million resale lines, compared to about 4.6 million at the end of 1999, and they provided over 3 million UNE loops, compared to about 1.5 million six months earlier.

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- At least one CLEC was serving customers in 54% of the nation's zip codes at mid-year 2000. Over 86% of United States households reside in these zip codes. CLECs reported lines in all states except Idaho, and also in the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. (See the attached map of reporting CLECs by zip code.)
- The 78 providers of mobile wireless telephone services that reported mid-year data served about 91 million subscribers.

As additional information from Form 477 becomes available, it will be routinely posted on the Commission's Internet site. Because Form 477 was adopted recently, there may be some need for further clarification and adjustment of the reporting system.

The data summary is available for reference in the FCC's Reference Information Center, Courtyard Level, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. It can be downloaded [file name: LCOM1200.pdf] from the **FCC-State Link** Internet site at <http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/stats>. Copies may be purchased by calling International Transcription Services, Inc. (ITS) at (202) 857-3800.

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Reporting CLECs by Zip Code (As of June 30, 2000)

