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## WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU LAUNCHES SECURE WEB PORTAL FOR SPECIAL ACCESS DATA COLLECTION

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Today, the Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) activated a secure web portal interface, Version 1.0, for the electronic filing of information and certifications in response to the special access data collection. The web portal is available at: <https://specialaccessfiling.fcc.gov/spadc/login>.

This web portal launch further implements the collection outlined by the Commission in its December 11, 2012 Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, which requires providers and purchasers of special access services and certain entities providing "best efforts" services in areas where the incumbent local exchange carrier is subject to price cap regulation, to submit data and information for a comprehensive evaluation of the special access market.<sup>1</sup> Responses to the collection are due by **December 15, 2014**.<sup>2</sup>

In Version 1.0, after logging in using an FCC Registration Number and password, users will have access to various resources to help navigate the web portal and respond to the collection, e.g., a web portal system guide, instructions for the data collection questions, answers to frequently asked questions, and the protective order governing the Confidential and Highly Confidential treatment of submitted information.<sup>3</sup> Users will also have a choice of two filing options, i.e., the "Streamlined Certification

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<sup>1</sup> See generally *Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers; AT&T Corporation Petition for Rulemaking to Reform Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates for Interstate Special Access Services*, WC Docket No. 05-25, RM-10593, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 27 FCC Rcd 16318 (2012). On September 15, 2014, the Bureau adopted an Order on Reconsideration amending the collection to reflect the approval received from the Office of Management and Budget pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act, and announcing that responses to the collection are due by December 15, 2014. See *Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers; AT&T Corporation Petition for Rulemaking to Reform Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates for Interstate Special Access Services*, WC Docket No. 05-25, RM-10593, Order on Reconsideration, DA 14-1327 (Wireline Comp. Bur. rel. Sept. 15, 2014) (*Reconsideration Order*); see also Notice of Office of Management and Budget Action, OMB Control No. 3060-1197 (Aug. 15, 2014), [http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref\\_nbr=201311-3060-001#](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=201311-3060-001#) (last visited Sept. 22, 2014).

<sup>2</sup> See *Reconsideration Order* at para. 13.

<sup>3</sup> The web portal and the Special Access Data Collection Overview page, <http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/special-access-data-collection-overview-0>, have copies of the amended data collection questions that were attached to the *Reconsideration Order* and the most recent version of the instructions for answering those questions. We continue

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Process” and “Full Website” option. The streamlined certification is for those filers that were required to file the FCC Form 477 to report broadband connections to end-user locations for 2013 but who are not otherwise required to provide data in response to the data collection questions, and thus can simply file a certification saying as much. This certification is a mechanism to make sure the Commission accounts for all possible facilities-based providers of special access. A more detailed discussion of this particular certification requirement can be found in the *Data Collection Implementation Order* and the data collection instructions.<sup>4</sup> The Streamlined Certification Process option is fully functional in Version 1.0.

The Full Website option is what covered entities that are required to provide data and information in response to the data collection questions will use to respond. While web pages associated with this filing option are available in Version 1.0 for viewing, not all pages are fully functional yet. For example, the database container that parties will download from the web portal and use to load and deliver certain data in response to the collection, e.g., location and pricing data, is undergoing final testing and is not yet available. Accordingly, the Bureau has deactivated certain functionality on the web page that respondents will use to electronically upload the database container pending completion of the database container. This feature will become available in the near future, in Version 2.0, once testing is successfully completed.

The Bureau will conduct an instructional webinar well in advance of the filing deadline to further educate respondents on the electronic submission process. Additional information on the data collection and the underlying special access rulemaking proceeding can be found at: <http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/special-access-data-collection-overview-0>. For further information regarding this proceeding, contact Christopher S. Koves, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-8209 or [Christopher.Koves@fcc.gov](mailto:Christopher.Koves@fcc.gov).

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to make minor, non-substantive improvements to the instructions in order to clarify what is required in response to particular questions, so respondents are strongly encouraged to routinely check the web portal and Special Access Data Collection Overview page for the latest version of the instructions.

<sup>4</sup> See *Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers; AT&T Corporation Petition for Rulemaking to Reform Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates for Interstate Special Access Services*, WC Docket No. 05-25, RM-10593, Report and Order, 28 FCC Rcd 13189, 13197-98, paras. 16-18 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2013) (*Data Collection Implementation Order*); Instructions for Data Collection for Special Access Proceeding at 2, <http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/special-access-data-collection-overview-0>.