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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU RELEASES DATABASE CONTAINER
FOR SPECIAL ACCESS DATA COLLECTION

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On December 5, 2014, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) released the database container on the Commission's secure web portal, Version 1.1.[1] This database container release further implements the collection outlined by the Commission in its December 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.[2] The container is necessary for the submission of numerical-type data, e.g., data on billing and connected locations, in response to the collection questions. Those filers required to provide such data can now download the container and a "Technical Manual" that describes the process for loading .txt files into the container.[3] The format for organizing data into the comma delimited .txt files is specified in the "Instructions for Data Collection for Special Access Proceeding."[4]

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[1] *See* FCC, *Special Access Data Collection*, https://specialaccessfiling.fcc.gov/spadc/login. To access the database container and the Technical Manual, click the link referencing the database container on the "Getting Started" page after logging into the secure web portal. You can also access the database container download web page without logging into the secure web portal at http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/database-container.

[2] *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 released 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 were to be 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, 29 FCC Rcd 10899 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 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#.

[3] We strongly suggest reading the Technical Manual before continuing with the various steps of the downloading and loading process.

[4] *See* FCC, Instructions for Data Collection for Special Access Proceeding, WC Docket No. 05-25, RM-10593, (dated Dec. 5, 2014), www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/instructions. Please note that this December 5, 2014 version of the

As discussed in more detail in the Technical Manual, the process requires filers to download and install a free version of Oracle Express on their computers if they do not already have a licensed version of Oracle on their systems.[5] Filers will then need to download a .zip file folder via the secure web portal, which contains a folder with the necessary scripts to create a database container shell using the Oracle program. The folder also includes a Graphical User Interface (GUI) tool to assist filers in loading their .txt files into the container. During the loading process, validation checks will occur to make sure the .txt files conform to the required format. Files with the .log and .bad extension are created to help identify the source of any errors that occur during the loading process. Once all mandatory files are loaded and the filer receives a "PASSED" condition from system quality check, filers will use the GUI to create a dump file with all of the loaded data in the container that can then be compressed into a .zip file for delivery to the Commission.[6] Once in a .zip file format, filers will ultimately be able to upload the container to the Commission using the secure web portal once the Bureau makes this functionality available, which will occur at a later date but in advance of the applicable filing deadlines.

The deadline for large businesses with more than 1,500 employees that are required to provide data in response to the collection is **January 29, 2015**. For small businesses with 1,500 or fewer employees that are required to provide data in response to the collection, the deadline is **February 27, 2015**. For those required only to certify that they are not a covered *Provider*, *Purchaser*, or entity providing *Best Efforts Business Broadband Internet Access Service* – i.e., those filing streamlined certifications, the deadline remains **December 15, 2014**.[7]

The Bureau will soon announce a date for a webinar to discuss the technical aspects of the database container. In the meantime, if you have technical questions about the database container, please contact the Commission's help line at 1-877-480-3201 or 1-717-338-2824 (TTY), or you may submit requests online via e-support, http://esupport.fcc.gov/index.htm?job=home. The help line staff will then route your inquiry to the appropriate internal IT staff member.

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instructions contains minor improvements to correct some internal document inconsistencies. None of these changes adversely affect how filers are organizing their data under the prior instructions given. A version of the instructions showing what has changed is also available on the Instructions web page, www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/instructions.

[5] The free version of Oracle Express has a capacity limit of 11 GB. If a filer needs to create a database in excess of this limit, it will need a licensed version of Oracle, which is not free.

[6] During these stages of the process, the database container and all loaded data remain exclusively on the filer's computer system, i.e., none of this data is shared with the Commission at this point.

[7] *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, DA 14-1706 (Wireline Comp. Bur. rel. Nov. 26, 2014). Capitalized and italicized terms used herein refer to the defined terms in the data collection. *See Reconsideration Order*, 29 FCC Rcd at 10908-11, Appx. A.