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International Reporting *Rule Changes*

The FCC made changes to the International Traffic and Revenue and Circuit Status Reports in a [Report and Order](#) adopted this week at their Open Meeting. In summary, the Commission eliminated the annual International Traffic and Revenue Reports (usually due on July 31) and streamlined the International Circuit Capacity Reports (usually due on March 31). This process was started with a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) released on March 23, 2017.

International Traffic and Revenue Reports

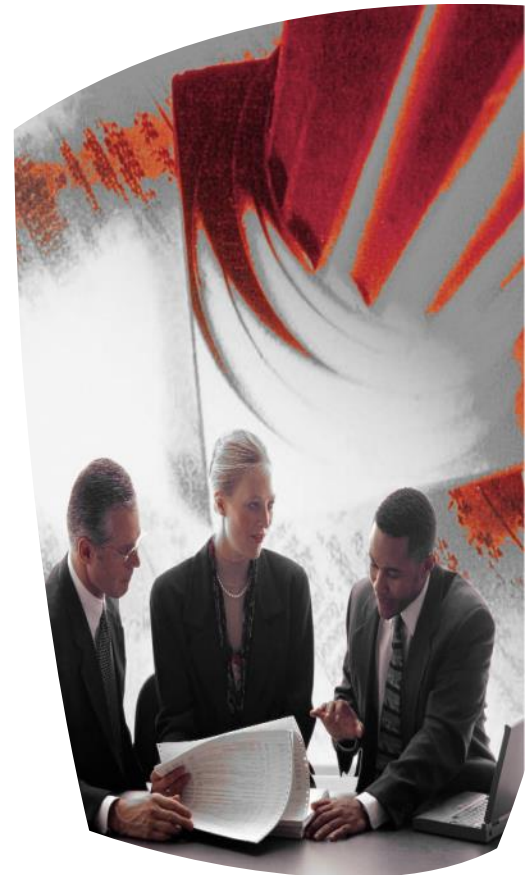
Due to the FCC's application of a "cost-benefit" analysis and finding the industry-wide cost of filing the Traffic and Revenue Reports exceeds any benefit gained by the FCC from having that data available, the annual International Traffic and Revenue Reports are no longer required. Thus, the regularly-scheduled filing due on July 31, 2018 will not be made.

In lieu of the annual filings, the Commission will require facilities-based carriers to submit and maintain a list of routes on which they have direct termination arrangements with a foreign carrier. Carriers in this situation will file a report within 30 days after the International Bureau releases a public notice containing the filing procedures. We will distribute further information once the International Bureau releases the public notice.

International Circuit Status Reports

Unlike with the Traffic and Revenue Reports, the FCC concluded that the benefits gained from the International Circuit Status Reports exceed the costs. However, the Commission did streamline these reports somewhat by eliminating the requirement to file world total circuit data for terrestrial and satellite facilities. Other than that, the reporting requirements will stay the same, with the next filing due March 31, 2018.

Please let us know if you have any questions.



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Questions? Comments?

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