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## **FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION RELEASES DATA ON LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPETITION**

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) today released new data on local telephone service competition in the United States. Twice a year, telecommunications carriers must report the number of lines in service and mobile wireless telephone subscribership pursuant to FCC's local competition and broadband data gathering program (FCC Form 477).

Statistics released today reflect data as of June 30, 2004, filed by providers on FCC Form 477 in the Commission's local competition and broadband data gathering program. For purposes of this report, carriers with at least 10,000 switched access lines, or at least 10,000 mobile wireless telephone service subscribers, in a state were required to file.

### **Summary Statistics**

- Total CLEC end-user switched access lines increased by 7% during the first half of 2004, from 29.8 million to 32.0 million lines. By comparison, they increased by 10% during the preceding six months, from 27.0 to 29.8 million lines. For the full twelve-month period ending June 30, 2004, CLEC end-user lines increased by 19%.
- End-user customers obtained local telephone service by utilizing approximately 148.1 million incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) switched access lines, 32.0 million competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) switched access lines, and 167.3 million mobile wireless telephone service subscriptions.
- About 17.8% of the 180.1 million total end-user switched access lines (or 32.0 million lines) were reported by CLECs at end of June 2004, compared to 16.3% (or 29.8 million lines) in December 2003.
- Nationwide, mobile wireless telephone subscribers increased 7% during the first half of 2004 from 157.0 million to 167.3 million. For the full twelve-month period ending June 30, 2004, mobile wireless subscribers increased by 13%.
- CLECs reported 20.8 million (or 15%) of the 135.4 million lines that served residential and small business end users and 11.2 million (or 25%) of the 44.6 million lines that served medium and large business, institutional, and government customers.

- Local telephone service by CLECs was provided over 3.3 million coaxial cable connections at the end of June 2004. These lines represent about 45% of the 7.5 million switched access lines that CLECs reported providing over their own local loop facilities, about 10% of all switched access lines that CLECs reported, and about 2% of total switched access lines.
- CLECs reported providing about 23% of switched access lines over their own local loop facilities. To serve the remainder, CLECs resold the services of other carriers or used unbundled network element (UNE) loops that they leased from other carriers
- ILECs reported providing about 13% more UNE loops with switching (referred to as the UNE-Platform) to unaffiliated carriers at the end of June 2004 than they reported six months earlier (17.1 million compared to 15.2 million) and about 1% more UNE loops without switching (about 4.3 million).
- At least one CLEC reported switched access lines in service in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. In 29 states, ten or more CLECs reported serving local telephone service customers.

As additional information becomes available, it will be posted on the Commission's Internet site.

The report is available for reference in the FCC's Reference Information Center, Courtyard Level, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. Copies may be purchased by calling Best Copy and Printing, Inc. at (800) 378-3160. The report can also be downloaded from the **FCC-State Link** Internet site at [www.fcc.gov/wcb/stats](http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/stats).

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