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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION RELEASES DATA ON LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPETITION

Customer Lines Reported by New Entrants Totaled 25 Million at End of 2002 Represents 13% of Total Access Lines

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) today released summary statistics of its latest data on local telephone service competition in the United States. Telecommunications service providers file data on lines in service to end-user customers and mobile wireless telephone subscribers twice a year in the Commission's local competition and broadband data gathering program (FCC Form 477).

Reporting of state-level data is mandatory for carriers with at least 10,000 switched access lines, or at least 10,000 mobile wireless telephone service subscribers, in a state. Statistics released today summarize FCC Form 477 filings from qualifying providers as of March 1, 2003, and reflect data as of December 31, 2002.

Summary Statistics

- End-user customers obtained local telephone service by means of some 163 million incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) switched access lines, 25 million competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) switched access lines, and 136 million mobile wireless telephone service subscriptions.
- Total CLEC end-user switched access lines increased by 14% during the second half of 2002, from 21.6 million to 24.8 million lines. By comparison, total CLEC lines increased by 10% during the preceding six months, from 19.7 to 21.6 million lines. For the full year, CLEC end-user lines increased by 26%.
- About 13.2% of the 188 million total end-user switched access lines were reported by CLECs, compared to 10.3% a year earlier.
- 58% of CLEC end-user switched access lines served residential and small business customers, compared to 78% of ILEC lines. CLECs reported 10.2% of total residential and small business switched access lines, compared to 6.6% a year earlier.
- During the second half of 2002, cable-telephony lines increased by 15% to 3.0 million lines, from 2.6 million. The 3.0 million reported cable-telephony lines constituted about 12% of switched access lines provided by CLECs and about 2% of total switched access lines.

- CLECs reported providing about 19% (a decline from 43% in December 1999) of their switched access lines by reselling the services of other carriers and about 55% (an increase from 24% in December 1999) by means of unbundled network element (UNE) loops leased from other carriers. The remainder of CLEC lines was provided over local-loop facilities owned by the CLECs.
- ILECs reported providing about 37% more UNE loops with switching to other carriers at the end of December 2002 than they reported six months earlier (10.2 million compared to 7.5 million) and about 5% more UNE loops without switching (about 4.3 million compared to 4.1 million).
- At least one CLEC was serving local telephone service end-user customers in 69% of the nation's zip codes at the end of December 2002, up from 62% a year earlier. About 94% of United States households reside in these zip codes. CLECs reported customers in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

As additional information becomes available, it will be routinely 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 Qualex International at (202) 863-2893. The report can also be downloaded from the **FCC-State Link** Internet site at www.fcc.gov/wcb/stats.

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