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Instructions for Completing Interstate Common Line Support Mechanism Line Count Report FCC Form 507

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NOTICE: Section 54.903(a)(1) of the Federal Communications Commission's rules requires all rate-of-return telecommunications carriers to provide line count information necessary to compute Interstate Common Line Support to USAC, the universal service Administrator. This information must be submitted on July 31st of each year, and on a quarterly basis if a competitive eligible telecommunications carrier (CETC) has initiated service in the rate-of-return incumbent carrier's service area and reported line count data to USAC in the rate-of-return incumbent carrier's service area, in order for the carrier to be eligible to receive Interstate Common Line Support. This collection of information stems from the Commission's authority under Section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 254. The data in the form will be used to calculate the amount of support, if any, that each reporting carrier is eligible to receive from the Interstate Common Line Support Mechanism.

We have estimated that each response to this collection of information will take, on average, 5.32 hours. Our estimate includes the time to read the instructions, look through existing records, gather and maintain the required data, and actually complete and review the form or response. If you have any comments on this estimate, or how we can improve the collection and reduce the burden it causes you, please write to the Federal Communications Commission, AMD-PERM, Paperwork Reduction Project (3060-0972), Washington, D.C. 20554. We also will accept your comments via the Internet if you send them to Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov. Please DO NOT SEND COMPLETED DATA COLLECTION FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS.

Remember -- You are not required to respond to a collection of information sponsored by the Federal government, and the government may not conduct or sponsor this collection, unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. This collection has been assigned an OMB control number of 3060-0972.

The Commission is authorized under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to collect the information we request in this form. We will use the information that you provide to determine Interstate Common Line Support amounts. If we believe there may be a violation or potential violation of a statute or a Commission regulation, rule, or order, your form may be referred to the Federal, state, or local agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing the statute, rule, regulation, or order. In certain cases, the information in your form may be disclosed to the Department of Justice, court, or other adjudicative body when (a) the Commission; (b) any employee of the Commission; or (c) the United States government, is a party to a proceeding before the body or has an interest in the proceeding.

If you do not provide the information we request on this form, you are not eligible to receive support under the Interstate Common Line Support Mechanism, 47.C.F.R. § 54.903.

The foregoing Notice is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, P.L. No. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. § 3501, *et seq*.

Specific Instructions

I. Introduction and Background.

In the *MAG Order* (FCC 01-304), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) modified its rules to reform the interstate access charge and universal service support system for incumbent local exchange carriers (LECs) subject to rate-of-return regulation. Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.901-54.904, the FCC established the Interstate Common Line Support (ICLS) Mechanism with an implementation date of July 1, 2002. The FCC appointed the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) as Administrator of this universal service support mechanism.

Competitive eligible telecommunications carriers (CETCs) are eligible to receive ICLS if they serve lines in a rate-of-return incumbent carrier's service area and that incumbent carrier receives ICLS. CETCs are eligible to receive the same per-line support amount received by the rate-of-return incumbent carrier in whose study area the CETC serves lines. Like the incumbent carriers, CETCs will use FCC Form 507 to submit their line count data to USAC.

II. The Carrier or the Carrier's Agent May File This Form.

You may choose to complete FCC Form 507 and submit it to USAC. Alternatively, you may choose to designate an agent to file FCC Form 507 on your behalf. Please note that, if you choose to designate an agent to complete and submit FCC Form 507 on your behalf, an authorized officer or employee of your company must advise USAC of the identity of your agent and certify that the actual line count data provided to your authorized agent is accurate to the best of his/her knowledge. Your authorized agent must: (1) certify that he/she is authorized to submit the information on behalf of the reporting carrier; (2) certify that the line count data provided on the form is based on actual line count data received from the reporting carrier; (3) certify that the information on the form is accurate to the best of the agent's knowledge; and (4) provide copies of the line count filing to the reporting carrier within 15 days. Specific instructions for complying with these steps are set forth below in Section X. Certifications.

III. Carriers Complete Different Worksheets in This Form if They Are Path 1 Carriers Versus Path 2 and Path 3 Carriers.

If you have elected not to disaggregate and target support, you are a Path 1 carrier and should complete the worksheet entitled Line Count Data Collection for Path 1 Carriers. On the other hand, if you have elected to disaggregate and target support, you are either a Path 2 or Path 3 carrier. If you are a Path 2 or Path 3 carrier, you should complete the worksheet entitled Line Count Data Collection for Path 2 and Path 3 Carriers.

IV. Line Count Information.

All rate-of-return incumbent carriers must file their line counts by customer class for each study area in which they serve. 47 C.F.R. § 54.903(a)(1). Your line count data must be disaggregated by cost zone, if disaggregated zones have been established within your service territory. If you are a

CETC, you must file the number of working loops you serve in the service area of a rate-of-return incumbent carrier, disaggregated by the incumbent carrier's cost zones, if applicable. 47 C.F.R. § 54.307(b) and (c). The line count data collected on FCC Form 507 must be reported in the following categories:

- Number of residential and single-line business access lines in service;
- Number of multi-line business access lines in service; and,
- Total number of access lines in service.

V. Effect of Disaggregation on Line Count Reporting Requirements.

If you have established disaggregation zones within your study area, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.315, you must report the actual line count data for each disaggregation zone. **If you have chosen either Path 2 or Path 3 disaggregation, you should complete the worksheet entitled Line Count Data Collection for Path 2 and Path 3 Carriers. This worksheet requires that you provide line count information for each disaggregation zone on a separate row under Block 2 of that worksheet.** The same requirements apply to CETCs serving in the service area of a rate-of-return incumbent carrier that has established disaggregation zones. That is, CETCs are bound by the disaggregation path chosen by the incumbent carrier in whose study area the CETC serves. **If you have selected Path 1 for disaggregation (no disaggregation), then you should complete the worksheet entitled Line Count Data Collection for Path 1 Carriers.**

VI. When Must Rate-of-Return Incumbent Carriers File Line Count Reports?

On July 31, 2002 and on that date each year thereafter, each rate-of-return incumbent carrier must file a line count report containing the number of lines served as of December 31st of the preceding calendar year. 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.903(a)(1), 36.611(h).

If you are a rate-of-return incumbent carrier located in a study area in which a CETC has initiated service and reported line count data to USAC, you have additional line count filing requirements. You must file the number of lines served as of September 30 of the preceding year on March 30, the number of lines served as of March 31 of the present year on September 30, and the number of lines served as of June 30 of the present year on December 30. 47 C.F.R. § 54.903(a)(2). Please refer to the charts below for a summary of your line count filing schedule.

Incumbent carriers may determine whether a CETC has initiated service and reported line count data to USAC by reviewing the quarterly filings that USAC submits to the FCC concerning the various universal service support mechanisms. Specifically, you may access USAC's quarterly filings at < http://www.universalservice.org/overview/filings/>. Scroll to locate the most recent quarterly filing for the current calendar year. Select the "Fund Size Projection Summary" for the most current quarter to review the table of contents of the filing. Identify the High Cost appendix entitled Rural Study Areas with Competition and note the appendix number, for example HC03. Next, exit the document and return to the web page, <http://www.universalservice.org/overview/filings/> . Select the appropriate High Cost appendix with the number that you have just noted for the appendix entitled Rural Study Areas with Competition. If you cannot locate the correct appendix, please contact the HCLI Customer Service Center. Contact information for the HCLI Customer Service Center can be found in Section XIII. of these instructions.

If you are a rate-of-return incumbent carrier located in a study area in which a CETC has not initiated service and reported line count data to USAC, you may voluntarily elect to submit quarterly reports of lines served as of September 30 of the preceding year on March 30, lines served as of March 31 of the present year on September 30, and lines served as of June 30 of the present year on December 30. 47 C.F.R. § 54.903(a)(2). Please note that these filings are not required unless a CETC has initiated service in your study area and has submitted a line count report to USAC.

In sum, the following schedule governs rate-of-return incumbent carriers' submission of line counts:

Carrier	Filing Due Date for Line Counts	Information	Mandatory or Voluntary
All Rate-of-Return Incumbent Carriers	7/31 of each year	Lines served as of 12/31 of the preceding year	Mandatory
Rate-of-Return Incumbent Carriers in service areas in which a **CETC has initiated service and reported line count data to USAC**	9/30 of each year	Lines served as of 3/31 of the current year	Mandatory
	12/30 of each year	Lines served as of 6/30 of the current year	Mandatory
	3/30 of each year	Lines served as of 9/30 of the preceding year	Mandatory
Rate-of-Return Incumbent Carriers in service areas in which a **CETC has neither initiated service nor reported line count data to USAC**	9/30 of each year	Lines served as of 3/31 of the current year	Voluntary
	12/30 of each year	Lines served as of 6/30 of the current year	Voluntary
	3/30 of each year	Lines served as of 9/30 of the preceding year	Voluntary

VII. When Must CETCs File Line Count Reports?

Under FCC rules, ICLS is targeted by customer class to CETCs located in rate-of-return carriers' study areas. CETCs are eligible to receive the same per-line ICLS amounts available to rate-of-return carriers in whose study areas they serve. 47 C.F.R. § 54.307.

CETCs must file quarterly line count reports according to the following schedule to be eligible to receive ICLS:

Carrier	Filing Due Date for Line Counts	Information	Mandatory or Voluntary
All CETCs	7/31 of each year	Lines served as of 12/31 of the preceding year	Mandatory
All CETCs	9/30 of each year	Lines served as of 3/31 of the current year	Mandatory
All CETCs	12/30 of each year	Lines served as of 6/30 of the current year	Mandatory
All CETCs	3/30 of each year	Lines served as of 9/30 of the preceding year	Mandatory

VIII. Reporting Transferred Lines.

All quarterly line count reports must separately indicate any lines that you acquired from another carrier and the identity of the carrier from whom you acquired the lines, if the acquired lines were not included in your most recent line count report. 47 C.F.R. § 54.902.

The lines that are transferred as a result of a transfer of exchanges from one rate-of-return carrier to another rate-of-return carrier may be reported and incorporated in the next quarterly line count filing. 47 C.F.R. § 54.902(a)(1). **If you, the acquiring carrier, do not file a quarterly update of your line counts, you will not receive ICLS for the acquired lines during the transition period (*i.e.*, the period from the filing of the updated line counts until the end of the funding year). All post-transaction ICLS shall be subject to true-up by USAC.** 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.902(a)(1), (a)(3).

The lines that are transferred as a result of a transfer of exchanges from a price cap carrier to a rate-of-return carrier that are incorporated into one of the rate-of-return carrier's existing study areas may be reported and incorporated in the next quarterly line count filing. 47 C.F.R. § 54.902(b)(1). **If you, the acquiring carrier, do not file a quarterly update of your line counts, you will not receive ICLS for the acquired lines during the transition period (*i.e.*, the period from the filing of the updated line counts until the end of the funding year). All post-transaction ICLS shall be subject to true-up by USAC.** 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.902(b)(1) and (b)(3).

IX. Specific Instructions for Completing This Form.

A. Line Count Data Collection for Path 1 Carriers.

Rate-of-return incumbent carriers that have selected Path 1 for disaggregation should complete the Line Count Data Collection for Path 1 Carriers worksheet. CETCs that are reporting lines in the study area of a rate-of-return incumbent carrier that has selected Path 1 disaggregation should also complete this worksheet. Rate-of-return incumbent carriers that have selected either Path 2 or Path 3 for disaggregation, and CETCs that are reporting lines in the study area of a rate-of-return incumbent carrier that has selected either Path 2 or Path 3 for disaggregation, should *not* complete this worksheet. Instead these carriers should complete the worksheet entitled Line Count Data Collection for Path 2 and Path 3 Carriers. Specific instructions for completing Line Count Data Collection for Path 2 and Path 3 Carriers worksheet are set forth below in Section IX. B.

Block 1 - Contact Information.

Row 1, Carrier Study Area Code: Provide your six-digit numerical code assigned by the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) for the study area in which you serve. If you are a CETC, provide the six-digit numerical code assigned by the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) to the incumbent carrier in whose service area you serve lines. If you are a CETC and do not know your study area code, please contact the HCLI Customer Service Center for assistance. Contact information for the HCLI Customer Service Center can be found in Section XIII. of these instructions.

Row 2, Carrier Study Area Name: Provide the standard name that you use to identify your study area. If you are a CETC, provide the standard name used to identify the incumbent carrier's study area in whose service area you serve lines.

Row 3, Service Provider Identification Number: Provide the nine-digit Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) that USAC has assigned to you. If you do not know your SPIN, please contact the HCLI Customer Service Center for assistance.

Row 4, Data As Of: Provide the month, day, and year as of which the data is reported. For example, you would enter 12/31/2001 for your line count data that are reported in the July 31, 2002 line count filing because the report contains lines served as of December 31, 2001.

Row 5, Disaggregation Path Selected by Incumbent Carrier: Identify Path 1 as your selection for disaggregation. CETCs should identify the disaggregation path selected by the incumbent carrier in whose service area the CETC serves. If you are a rate-of-return incumbent carrier that has selected either Path 2 or Path 3 disaggregation, or if you are a CETC that is reporting lines in a study area in which the rate-of-return incumbent carrier has selected either Path 2 or Path 3 disaggregation, you should *not* complete this worksheet and instead should complete the worksheet entitled Line Count Data Collection for Path 2 and Path 3 Carriers.

Row 6, Contact Name: Provide the name of the person that USAC should contact to discuss any questions concerning the information that you submitted in this form.

Row 7, Contact Telephone Number: Provide the telephone number (including area code) of the person that you identified in Row 6.

Block 2 - Line Counts.

Row 8, Residential and Single-Line Business Access Lines in Service: Identify your total number of residential and single-line business access lines in service. Your residential/single-line business lines reported may include single and non-primary residential lines, single-line business lines, basic rate interface (BRI) integrated services digital network (ISDN) service, and other related residence class lines.

> In the column entitled No. of Acquired Lines, you should separately report the number of residential and single-line business access lines that you acquired from another carrier, and that you have not included on your most recent, previously filed line count form.

Row 9, Multi-Line Business Access Lines in Service: Identify your total number of multi-line business access lines in service. Multi-line business class lines reported may include multi-line business, Centrex, PRI ISDN, and other related business class lines. Such lines include all business class lines assessed the end user common line charge pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 69.104. Pursuant to §§ 69.104(p) and (q), you should include in your multi-line business access line count five (5) lines for each PRI ISDN service arrangement that you offer in your study area.

> In the column entitled No. of Acquired Lines, you should separately report the number of multi-line business access lines in service that you acquired from another carrier, and that

you have not included on your most recent, previously filed line count form.

Row 10, Total Number of Access Lines in Service in Study Area: Enter the total of rows 8 and 9 here.

Row 11, Name of Carrier From Which Lines Were Acquired, If Applicable: If you reported any information in the column entitled No. of Acquired Lines, you should also report the name of the carrier from which you acquired the lines.

Row 12, Study Area Code From Which Lines Were Acquired, If Applicable: If you reported any information in the column entitled No. of Acquired Lines, you should also report the study area code of the carrier from which you acquired the lines.

B. Line Count Data Collection for Path 2 and Path 3 Carriers.

Rate-of-return incumbent carriers that have selected either Path 2 or Path 3 for disaggregation, and CETCs that are reporting lines in the study area of a rate-of-return incumbent carrier that has selected either Path 2 or Path 3 for disaggregation, should complete this worksheet.

Block 1 - Contact Information.

Row 1, Carrier Study Area Code: Provide your six-digit numerical code assigned by the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) for the study area in which you serve. If you are a CETC, provide the six-digit numerical code assigned by the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) to the incumbent carrier in whose service area you serve lines. If you are a CETC and do not know your study area code, please contact the HCLI Customer Service Center for assistance. Contact information for the HCLI Customer Service Center can be found in Section XIII. of these instructions.

Row 2, Carrier Study Area Name: Provide the standard name that you use to identify your study area. If you are a CETC, provide the standard name used to identify the incumbent carrier's study area in whose service area you serve lines.

Row 3, Service Provider Identification Number: Provide the nine-digit Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) that USAC has assigned to you. If you do not know your SPIN, please contact the HCLI Customer Service Center for assistance.

Row 4, Data As Of: Provide the month, day, and year as of which the data is reported. For example, you would enter 12/31/2001 for your line count data that are reported in the July 31, 2002 line count filing because the report contains lines served as of December 31, 2001.

Row 5, Disaggregation Path Selected by Incumbent Carrier: Identify Path 2 or Path 3 as your selection for disaggregation. CETCs should identify the disaggregation path selected by the incumbent carrier in whose service area the CETC serves. If you are a rate-of-return incumbent carrier that has selected Path 1 for disaggregation, or if you are a CETC reporting lines in a study area of a rate-of-return incumbent carrier that has selected Path 1 for disaggregation, you should *not* complete this worksheet and instead should complete the worksheet entitled Line Count Data Collection for Path 1 Carriers.

Row 6, Contact Name: Provide the name of the person that USAC should contact to discuss any questions concerning the information that you submitted in this form.

Row 7, Contact Telephone Number: Provide the telephone number (including area code) of the person that you identified in Row 6.

Row 8, Sheet Number: For Path 2 and Path 3 carriers with disaggregation zones, and for CETCs reporting lines in the service area of an incumbent carrier with disaggregation zones, assign a sequential sheet number to your line count worksheet. For example, if you have a total of four sheets, you would number them 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Row 9, Total Number of Sheets: Identify the total number of line count worksheets that you are submitting. **Remember that you must complete a separate row under Block 2 for each disaggregation zone in which you serve. Use additional copies of this worksheet, as necessary, to provide information for all of your disaggregation zones.**

Block 2 - Line Counts.

Beginning with Row 10, information about each individual disaggregation zone within the carrier's study area must be reported on a separate row under Block 2. If you need more rows to complete the form, simply attach new sheets. If you are completing this form electronically, you may simply insert more rows, and the Block 1 information should automatically print for each separate page of this worksheet. The electronic version of the worksheet is an Excel spreadsheet.

Column 1, Disaggregation Zone Name: Identify the disaggregation zone within your study area for which the report is submitted. For example, you may elect to disaggregate to two cost zones within each wire center in your study area. You may identify your disaggregation zones as follows: wire center 1 – zone 1 and wire center 1 - zone 2; wire center 2 – zone 1 and wire center 2 - zone 2; and so on. You are free to identify your disaggregation zones in any way you choose. **You must itemize on a separate row of Block 2 the line counts by customer class for each disaggregation zone that you serve.** You must have selected a disaggregation path on or before May 15, 2002. CETCs are bound by the disaggregation path selected by the incumbent carrier in whose service area the CETC serves. If you are a CETC and do not know the disaggregation path chosen by the incumbent in whose service area you serve, please contact the HCLI Customer Service Center for assistance.

Column 2, Residential and Single-Line Business Access Lines in Service: Identify your total number of residential and single-line business access lines in service for each specified disaggregation zone. Your residential/single-line business lines reported may include single and non-primary residential lines, single-line business lines, basic rate interface (BRI) integrated services digital network (ISDN) service, and other related residence class lines.

Column 3, Multi-Line Business Access Lines in Service: Identify your total number of multi-line business access lines in service for each specified disaggregation zone. Multi-line business class lines reported may include multi-line business, Centrex, PRI ISDN, and other related business class lines. Such lines include all business class lines assessed the end user common line charge pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 69.104. Pursuant to §§ 69.104(p) and (q), you should include in your multi-line business access line count five (5) lines for each PRI ISDN service arrangement that you offer for the specified disaggregation zone.

Column 4, Total Number of Access Lines in Service: Enter the total of Columns 2 and 3 here.

After you have entered all of your disaggregation zones and their associated line counts by customer class, go to the first blank row after the data you have entered. Write Total Lines in Column 1. Then, sum Column 2, sum Column 3, and sum Column 4. This should give you the total number of lines that you are submitting for your study area, unless you have acquired lines since your most recent, previously filed line count report. The instructions for how to submit that information appear below.

Block 3 - Acquired Lines Not Included In A Previously Submitted Line Count Report.

You should complete this Block in order to report any lines acquired from another carrier and not included in a line count report that you previously submitted. The acquired lines must be reported by their location according to each disaggregation zone of the rate-of-return incumbent carrier in which the acquired lines are located.

Column 5, Acquired Residential and Single-Line Business Access Lines in Service: You should separately report the number of residential and single-line business access lines that you acquired from another carrier, and that you have not included on your most recent, previously filed line count form. Your acquired residential/single-line business lines reported may include single and non-primary residential lines, single-line business lines, basic rate interface (BRI) integrated services digital network (ISDN) service, and other related residence class lines.

Column 6, Acquired Multi-Line Business Access Lines in Service: You should separately report the number of multi-line business access lines in service that you acquired from another carrier, and that you have not included on your most recent, previously filed line count form. Your acquired multi-line business class lines reported may include multi-line business, Centrex, PRI ISDN, and other related business class lines. Such lines include all business class lines assessed the end user common line charge pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 69.104. Pursuant to §§ 69.104(p) and (q), you should include in your multi-line business access line count five (5) lines for each PRI ISDN service arrangement that you offer for the specified disaggregation zone.

Column 7, Acquired Total Number of Access Lines in Service: Enter the total of Columns 5 and 6 here.

Column 8, Name of Carrier From Which Lines Were Acquired: You should report the name of the carrier from which you acquired the lines reported in Columns 5 – 7. If you acquired lines from more than one carrier in the same disaggregation zone, and did not report those lines in a line count report that you previously submitted, you must report the acquired lines from each different carrier on a separate row.

Column 9, Study Area Code From Which Lines Were Acquired: You should report the study area code of the carrier from which you acquired the lines reported in Columns 5 – 7.

After you have entered all of your acquired lines by customer class and disaggregation zone,

go to the first blank row after the data you have entered. Sum Column 5, sum Column 6, and sum Column 7. Write Total Lines in Column 8. This should give you the total number of lines that you acquired.

X. Certifications.

You must submit certifications with the signature of an authorized person with the FCC Form 507. If you are filing FCC Form 507 on your own behalf, you must complete the reporting carrier certification page. If you are authorizing an agent to file FCC Form 507 on your behalf, on the other hand, you must complete the top portion of the agent certification page. Once you have completed the top portion of the agent certification page, your authorized agent must complete the bottom portion of the agent certification page.

Carriers submitting FCC Form 507 on their own behalf. If you are filing FCC Form 507 on your own behalf, an authorized officer or employee of your company must complete the reporting carrier certification page of FCC Form 507. By completing the reporting carrier certification page, the officer or employee of the reporting carrier is certifying that: (1) he/she is an officer or an employee of the reporting carrier; (2) his/her responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the actual line count data reported on the form; and (3) the information reported on the form is accurate to the best of his/her knowledge. The certification must be signed by an authorized officer or employee of the company and must be submitted to USAC along with the line count report on the Path 1 carriers worksheet of FCC Form 507 or the Path 2 and Path 3 carriers worksheet of FCC Form 507.

Carriers authorizing an agent to file FCC Form 507 on their behalf. If you are authorizing an agent to file FCC Form 507 on your behalf, you, as the reporting carrier, must complete the top portion of the agent certification page of FCC Form 507. By completing the agent authorization section, the officer or employee of your company is certifying that: (1) the agent identified on the agent certification is authorized to submit the actual line count data to USAC on your behalf; (2) he/she is an officer or employee of the reporting carrier; (3) his/her responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the actual line count data provided to the authorized agent; and (4) the actual line count data provided to the authorized agent is accurate to the best of his/her knowledge. The certification must be signed by an authorized officer or employee of the company. You will then provide the certification with the signature of the authorized person to your authorized agent.

Your authorized agent is responsible for completing the bottom portion of the agent certification page of FCC Form 507. By completing the agent certification section, the authorized agent is certifying that: (1) he/she is authorized to submit the information on your behalf; (2) the line count data provided on the form is based on actual line count data received from you (the reporting carrier); (3) the information provided on the form is accurate to the best of the agent's knowledge; and (4) the authorized agent will provide copies of the line count filing to you within 15 days. The certification must be signed by the authorized agent or an employee of the authorized agent.

Certifications with the signatures of the authorized persons, as well as all of the information requested on the worksheet of FCC Form 507 for Path 1 carriers or the worksheet of FCC Form 507 for Path 2 and Path 3 carriers, must be received by USAC in accordance with the filing dates on page 4 of these instructions. **Please remember that, if the form is submitted electronically on CD or computer disk in Excel 97 or above, the certifications with the signatures of the authorized persons still must be received by USAC by the due dates.**

XI. Request for Confidential Treatment of Filed Data.

You may request confidential treatment of some or all of the data filed to qualify for ICLS by complying with the requirements set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 0.459.

XII. Where to File Completed Forms.

If you are a rate-of-return incumbent carrier or a CETC serving in the study area of a rate-of-return incumbent carrier, you must submit this form in accordance with the schedule noted above, for each study area in which you operate (and if you disaggregate, for each disaggregation zone). **You are encouraged to submit the form electronically on CD or computer disk in Excel 97 or above. The form must be received at the address listed below by the due date. If you are unable to submit the completed form in electronic format, please submit your paper copies to the same address.**

U.S. Mail, Overnight, or Expedited Mail/Courier Services:
USAC
Customer Operations
2000 L Street, NW
Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036
(877) 877-4925

XIII. If You Have Questions.

Please consult the USAC Web site, www.universalservice.org/hc for important information and updates.

You may submit questions via e-mail to inquiries@HCLI.universalservice.org.

You may telephone USAC's HCLI Customer Service Center at (877) 877-4925 (toll-free).

You may fax your questions to USAC's HCLI Customer Service Center at (866) 873 (USF)-4695.

When submitting any inquiry to USAC's HCLI Customer Service Center, whether by telephone, e-mail, or fax, please provide the name of the person submitting the inquiry and the company on whose behalf the inquiry is submitted, the person's telephone number, e-mail address, and fax number, and please describe your inquiry as specifically as possible.