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## **INTERNATIONAL BUREAU RELEASES 2007 YEAR-END CIRCUIT STATUS REPORT FOR U.S. FACILITIES-BASED INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS** *Data Reflects A Slow Growth of Total Capacity Used*

Washington, DC – The FCC’s International Bureau today released its annual year-end circuit status report for U.S.-international facilities-based common carriers. The year-end 2007 report shows that the use of U.S.-international facilities for international telephone calls, private line services and other services from the United States grew by 11 percent in 2007.

The report relies on information provided by U.S.-international facilities-based common carriers and covers U.S. undersea cables, satellites and terrestrial links. It identifies the activated (in-service) and idle (available, but not in-service) circuits for each international point as of December 31, 2007. Additionally, for purposes of comparison, this report incorporates historical data from the 2004-2006 circuit status reports.

Overall, the reported number of activated 64 Kbps equivalent circuits grew by 11 percent since 2006. At year-end 2007, the reported number of activated 64 Kbps equivalent circuits totaled 8,403,971 as compared to 7,558,072 at year-end 2006.

- By service type: International Message Telephone Service (IMTS) accounted for 9.1 percent of the total circuits used; International Private Line Services accounted for 50.3 percent of total circuits; and approximately 40.6 percent of total circuits were used for services other than traditional private line services (including data services).
- By transmission type: Undersea cables accounted for 86.9 percent of the overall active transmission capacity; terrestrial links accounted for 12.9 percent; and satellite accounted for 0.2 percent.
- The top 30 destinations among all international routes accounted for 97 percent of the total activated circuits. The percentage of idle circuits (as compared to the total circuit capacity, active and idle) decreased from 49 percent in 2006 to 45 percent in 2007.

The report is available on the International Bureau home page at [www.fcc.gov/ib/pd/pf/csmanual.html](http://www.fcc.gov/ib/pd/pf/csmanual.html). The report also is available for reference in the FCC

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