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ACTA Issues Notice of its Intent to Adopt an Addendum to its Technical Criteria

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Washington, D.C. – the Administrative Council for Terminal Attachments (“ACTA” or “Administrative Council”) received an addendum to its technical criteria from American National Standards Institute (“ANSI”) accredited standards developer the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) entitled, “*Telephone Terminal Equipment – Technical Requirements for Connection of Terminal Equipment to the Telephone Network – Addendum 2, TIA-968-A-2 (Supplement to TIA-968-A)*”

Pursuant to the ACTA Operating Principles and Procedures, and in accordance with the Federal Communications Commission’s (“FCC”) rules and regulations governing the adoption of mandatory technical criteria, the Administrative Council hereby issues notice of its intent to adopt the proposed addendum. In addition, ACTA makes available the addendum for public download and review from the Administrative Council website at <http://www.part68.org> for a 30 day comment period.

Parties aggrieved by TIA’s decision to submit the specified addendum to the Administrative Council for publication must appeal the decision through TIA’s ANSI-accredited appeal procedures. Interested parties have 30 days to appeal any aspects of the proposed addendum to TIA or to the FCC. Parties appealing the proposed addendum must also provide notice of its appeal to the Administrative Council.

If no appeals are filed within 30 days, the Administrative Council will adopt, and publish the specified addendum and, in accordance with FCC rules, it will become presumptively valid technical criteria for the protection of the telephone network from harms caused by the connection of terminal equipment.

Telephone Terminal Equipment (“TTE”) approved for connection to the Public Switched Telephone Network (“PSTN”) must comply with all applicable rules and regulations of FCC Part 68, and with the applicable technical criteria adopted by the ACTA.

Questions and comments about this notice should be submitted to the ACTA Secretariat via Email at acta@atis.org, or by phone at +1.202.628.6380.