<u>PUBLIC NOTICE</u>

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ACTA Announces Reminder Concerning Timeliness of Filing

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The Administrative Council for Terminal Attachments ("ACTA") reminds parties submitting information for inclusion in the ACTA-maintained database of Part 68 approved equipment to do so in a timely manner.

Pursuant to 47 CFR §68.610, the FCC requires that Responsible Parties file product information with ACTA. The ACTA is required to maintain this information in a database of approved terminal equipment to meet the needs of the FCC and US Customs for enforcement purposes. The ACTA is also required to make the information in the database readily available and accessible to the public. Due to its experience in processing this information over the past 12 months, the ACTA is issuing the following reminder:

"Responsible Parties need to ensure that product information is submitted to ACTA in a timely manner so that it is available for retrieval from the Database of Approved Terminal Equipment, via the publicly-available interface, prior to the connection of such product to Public Switched Telephone Network ("PSTN") services and private line services that require such approval."

The ACTA notes that this is consistent with FCC activities prior to the creation of ACTA. In the past, the FCC reviewed submissions and issued a product ID number only after it had all the required information in hand. Accordingly, a product was not permitted to be directly connected to the network except after issuance of the FCC-assigned product ID. Today, the Responsible Party determines the product ID and has the product approved by a Telecommunication Certification Body ("TCB") or uses the Supplier's Declaration of Conformity ("SDoC") process. The Responsible Party or its designated agent then submits the required information to the ACTA for the database. This reminder is intended to ensure product information will be submitted to the ACTA for inclusion in the database before the FCC, telecommunications service providers, Customs officials, or the public needs it.

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