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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED TECHNICAL CRITERIA

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The Administrative Council for Terminal Attachments (ACTA) has received proposed technical criteria from the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA), entitled, TIA-168-C, *Telecommunications – Telephone Terminal Equipment – Labeling Requirements*. TIA is an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited standards developer.

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 ACTA hereby issues notice of its intent to adopt the above listed proposed technical criteria. To facilitate the review of the document, the proposed technical criteria are available for download and review from the ACTA website (<http://part68.org/ProposedTechCriteria.aspx>) for a 30 calendar day comment period.

The public commenting period will conclude at COB on **February 16, 2016**.

Parties aggrieved by TIA's decision to submit the proposed technical criteria to the ACTA for adoption may appeal the decision through TIA's ANSI-accredited appeal procedures. Interested parties have 30 calendar days to appeal any aspects of the proposed technical criteria to TIA or the FCC. Parties appealing the proposed technical criteria also shall provide notice of its appeal to the ACTA.

If no appeals are filed within 30 calendar days, the ACTA will adopt the specified technical criteria and, in accordance with FCC rules, it presumptively will become 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) shall comply with all applicable regulations of FCC Part 68, with all applicable ACTA adopted technical criteria, and be registered in the ACTA database.

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

About ACTA

The ACTA is an open organization established to: (1) adopt technical criteria and to act as the clearing-house, publishing technical criteria for terminal equipment developed by ANSI-accredited standards development organizations; and (2) establish and maintain a registration database of equipment approved as compliant with the technical criteria. ACTA is jointly sponsored by the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) and Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA).