

ACTA and Part 68

Review and Update

Responsible Party Code (RPC) Data Validation Program

April 7, 2011 Jim Haynes, ACTA Chair





What Is Part 68?

Per the FCC's website, "Part 68 of the FCC rules (47 C.F.R. Part 68) governs the connection of Terminal Equipment (TE) to the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN)."

also,

"Under Part 68, wireline telecommunications carriers must allow all TE to be connected directly to their networks, provided the TE meet certain criteria for preventing <u>four proscribed harms</u>."





What Is Part 68? (Continued)

The four proscribed harms are:

- Electrical hazards to the personnel of providers of wireline telecommunications,
- damage to the equipment of providers of wireline telecommunications,
- malfunction of the billing equipment of providers of wireline telecommunications,
- and degradation of service to persons other than the user of the subject terminal equipment, his calling or called party.





Additional Rules Contained In Part 68

- Provisions to protect consumers
- Allow consumers to access competitive services
- Rules concerning Hearing Aid Compatibility and Volume Control for telephones
- Dialing frequency for automatic dialing machines
- Source identification for fax transmissions
- Technical criteria for inside wiring





ACTA was formed as a result of the FCC's 2000 Biennial Review of Part 68 contained in the Report & Order (CC Docket No. 99-216).

The Order privatized the process by which technical criteria for the prevention of harm are established for customer premise or terminal equipment that may be sold for connection to the telephone network, and for the approval of such equipment to demonstrate compliance with the relevant technical criteria.





The Order directed the industry, through the co-sponsorship and support of the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) and the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) to establish ACTA as the <u>open body</u> that endorses the technical requirements for Part 68 and manages the database for product registrations; while the FCC <u>continues</u> to be responsible for the <u>enforcement</u> of Part 68 compliance.

The Council does not make technical decisions regarding the development of technical criteria.

The Mission, Scope, and the Responsibilities of the Council are in the Operating Principles and Procedures document located on the ACTA webpage (www.part68.org).





The ACTA Industry Segment Representatives (IS Reps) are comprised of the following:

- Service Provider Segment ("SPS")
- Manufacturer Segment ("MS")
- Testing Laboratories Segment ("LAB")
- Other Interested Parties ("OIP")

The IS Reps are expected to participate in all ACTA activities and to represent the interests of their respective interest segments.





ACTA IS Reps Today

SPS Segment

Trone Bishop – Verizon
Jimmy Salinas – AT&T

Amar Ray – CenturyLink

MS Segment

Richard Mullin - Panasonic

Ken Biholar – Alcatel-Lucent

LAB Segment

Scott Lambert – Intertek
Sharon Hoffman – TIMCO

OIP Segment

Milton Bush - The M Companies

John Bipes – Mobile Engineering

ACTA Chair - Jim Haynes

Compliance Engineering Services





ACTA Openings

SPS Segment

MS Segment

2 Vacancies 3 Vacancies

(1 Primary & 1 Alternate) (2 Primaries & 1 Alternate)

LAB Segment

OIP Segment

1 Vacancy 1 Vacancy

(1 Alternate)



(1 Alternate)



- Membership in the ACTA is free and is open to any organization, company, or group having an interest in the business of the Council.
- The Membership of the ACTA is represented on the Council by the member's specific Interest segment.
- General communications to the ACTA are processed through the ACTA Secretariat.
- Typically, there are four general ACTA meetings each year, two face-to-face (Washington DC) and two virtual.
- Meetings are open to all interested parties.
- Contributions and proposals should be submitted to the ACTA Secretariat at least ten days prior to meetings.





- The ACTA does not recommend products or technologies.
- The ACTA adopts and publishes technical documents submitted by ANSI-accredited standards development organizations ("SDOs").

Current Active SDOs

- ❖ TIA Committee TR41, User Premises Telecommunications Requirements
- **❖** ATIS Committee Sustainability in Telecom: Energy and Protection Committee
- Documents adopted and published by the ACTA have the ACTA-adopted logo and date affixed to the front cover.

(Section 10 of the ACTA Operating Principles & Procedures provides a complete explanation and ruling)





ACTA Database Filings

For the details regarding filings, refer to the ACTA Submission Guidelines and Procedures.

- ACTA Filings should be made using AOF (<u>A</u>CTA <u>O</u>nline <u>F</u>iling System).
- There are two main types of Filings:
 - Telecommunications Certification Body (TCB) Filings
 - Supplier's Declaration of Conformity (SDoC) Filings
- Other Important Terms:
 - Responsible Party Code (RPC) is a unique identifier assigned to the Party responsible for terminal equipment. Formerly Applicant or Grantee Code issued by the FCC.





Responsible Party Code (RPC) Data Validation Program

- An important responsibility of the ACTA is to maintain an accurate and up-to-date database of all Part 68 Telephone
 Terminal Equipment (TTE). The information associated with a Responsible Party Code (RPC) is extremely important to FCC, US Customs, and consumers.
- Currently, there are over 7000 Responsible Party Codes (RPC) on the ACTA Database.
- Within the past 7 years, only 1,115 RPCs are known to be active and valid.
- In December 2010, the ACTA introduced a program to update and validate all Responsible Party Code Data.





Responsible Party Code (RPC) Data Validation Program

- It is a requirement that the Responsible Party validate the RPC data on an annual basis to either confirm or update the RPC data in the ACTA database.
- The cost to file an RPC Data Validation form is \$125.00; however, ACTA has created an 'early bird' discount structure allowing parties who file early to pay a discounted fee of \$95.00.
- Typically this discounted fee will be valid from October 1st December 31st for parties who are validating for the coming calendar year (i.e. October 1, 2011 December 31, 2011 for the 2012 validation).
- Since the program was introduced in December 2010, ACTA decided to make a "one-time" discount period of January 1, 2011 to February 28, 2011 to allow filers to submit the RPC Data Validation submission at \$95.00.





Responsible Party Code (RPC) Data Validation Program

The following slide shows the manual RPC Data Validation filing form







Administrative Council for Terminal Attachments

c/o ATIS 1200 G Street, NW Suite 500 Washington, D.C. 20005

RPC DATA VALIDATION FORM Ver. 1.0

*Please refer to the Guidelines & Procedures for submittal of information to ACTA for inclusion in the database of approved Telephone Terminal Equipment ("TTE") for a detailed item description of the requirements for the request for RPCs, transfers of RPCs, and for additional required documentation.

1a. Name of Company RPC 1b. Request for Update of RPC Information

(Note: Company Name cannot be updated with form. A request for Transfer of RPC must be submitted)

Company Name: Address:				Company Name: Address:			
Submitter's Name:				Submitter's Name:			
Phone:				Phone:			
Email:				Email:			
URL:				URL:			

2a. Responsible Party Primary Point of Contact

2b. Request for Update Responsible Party Additional Point of Contact

(Must Be Employee of the Responsible Party) (May be a third party agent or contact.) Name: Name: Company Name: Company Name: Address: Address: Zip: City: State: City: Zip: Country: State: Country: Phone: Phone:

Email:

Please note that the Primary Point of Contact and Additional Points of Contact will receive notice of any filing made on behalf of the Responsible Party.

Email:

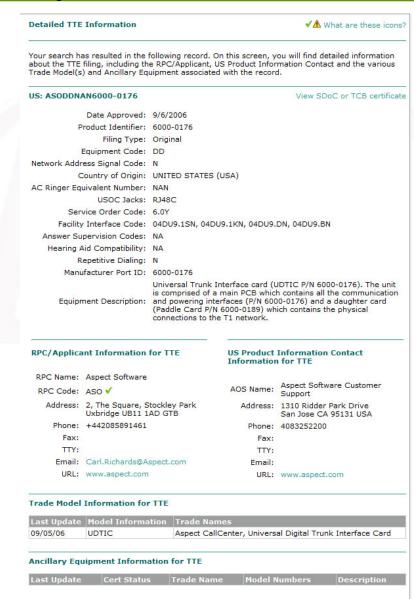


Responsible Party Code (RPC) Data Validation Program

The following slides show the Database of an RPC filer who has validated its RPC Data.













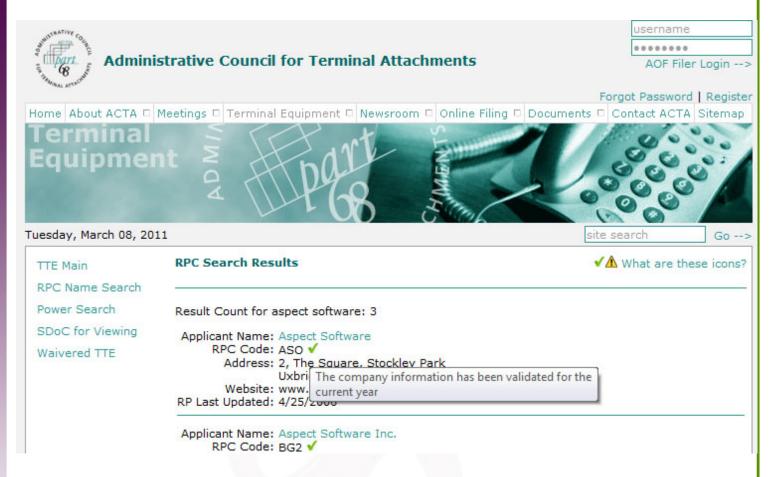


Responsible Party Code (RPC) Data Validation Program

The following slide shows the Database when you "hover" over the filer's name that has been successfully validated.









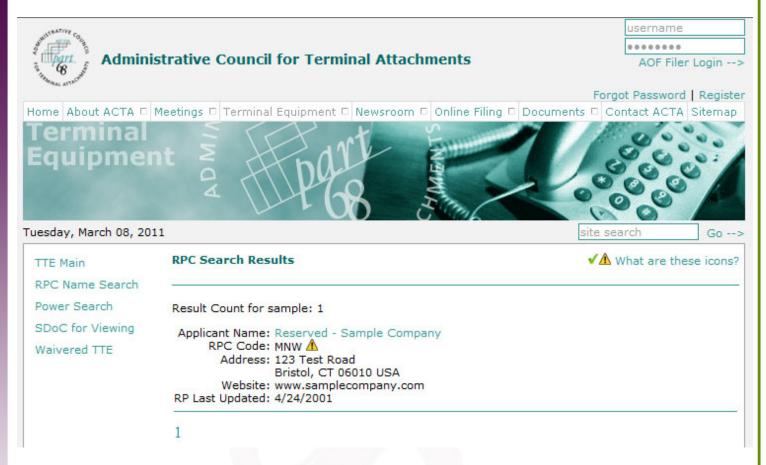


Responsible Party Code (RPC) Data Validation Program

The following slides show the Database of an RPC filer who has not validated its RPC Data.









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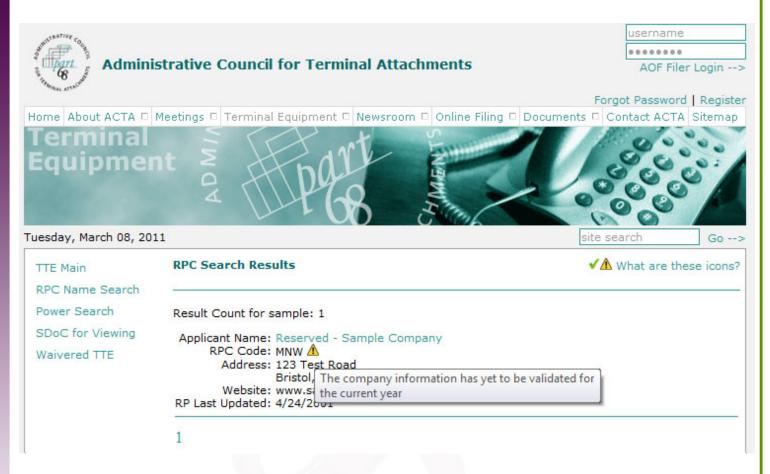


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GENERAL FEES

- Fee for Original, Modification, and Notice of Change filings is \$525.00
- Fee for Transfer of RPC is \$525.00
- Fee for RPC Data Validation is \$125.00 (*)
- Fee for SDoC Posting is \$525.00
- Fee for other AOF filings is \$95.00

Refer to Section 3 of the Submission Guidelines and Procedures document on the ACTA website

(*) \$95.00 if paid between October 1st and December 31st before the year it is due.





Questions?

Remember the FCC Website and the ACTA Website are extremely useful in obtaining info about Part 68 and ACTA.

This presentation will be available on the ACTA Website for future reference.



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