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## FCC RELEASES 2006 INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC DATA

Washington, D.C. - The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) today released a report entitled *2006 International Telecommunications Data* regarding international message telephone, private line and miscellaneous services between the United States and other countries.

### Statistical Findings

- Facilities-based and facilities-resale traffic together increased 3.3% from 70.1 billion minutes in 2005 to 72.4 billion minutes in 2006. For purposes of categorizing traffic, a facilities-based carrier provides service using its own international transmission facilities, while a facilities-resale carrier provides service utilizing international circuits leased from other reporting international carriers.
- U.S. billed revenues for international telephone, private line and other miscellaneous services decreased 0.6% from 2005 to 2006.

### **International Services Billed Revenues** (Shown in Thousands of Dollars)

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Telephone</b>	\$7,400,098	\$7,298,888	-1.4%
<b>Private Line and Other Miscellaneous</b>	738,152	792,361	7.3%
<b>Total Billed Revenues</b>	\$8,138,250	\$8,091,249	-0.6%

- U.S. carriers' net settlement payments (the amount they pay foreign carriers to terminate traffic overseas) increased 4.9%. Retained international revenues (revenues after settlement payments are made) decreased 4.0% from 2005 to 2006.

**Total Billed Revenues,  
Net Settlement Payments, and  
Retained Revenues**  
(Shown in Thousands of Dollars)

	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Total Billed Revenues</b>	\$8,138,250	\$8,091,249	-0.6%
<b>Net Settlement</b>	(3,138,292)	(3,291,722)	4.9%
<b>Retained</b>	\$4,999,958	\$4,799,527	-4.0%

- Resale traffic grew from 47.2 billion minutes in 2005 to 54.1 billion minutes in 2006. Billed revenues for resale services increased from \$5.8 billion in 2005 to \$6.1 billion in 2006. The total number of carriers reporting resale services increased 10.6% from 838 in 2005 to 927 in 2006.

The report is available for reference in the FCC's Reference Information Center at 445 12th Street, S.W., Courtyard Level, Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies may be purchased by contacting the FCC's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington D.C. 20554, telephone 1-800-378-3160, facsimile 202-488-5563, or via e-mail [www.bcpiweb.com](http://www.bcpiweb.com). The report can also be downloaded [file name: CREPOR06.ZIP or CREPOR06.PDF] from [www.fcc.gov/ib](http://www.fcc.gov/ib).

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