

Calling Services for incarcerated people

Annual Reporting and Annual Certification

Forms (FCC Forms 2301(a) and 2301(b))

Proposed instructions

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# I. OVERVIEW

In the *2015 ICS Order*, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission or FCC) charged the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau or WCB) with implementing requirements designed to help the Commission monitor the rates, fees, and practices of Providers of Calling Services to incarcerated people (Inmate Calling Services or ICS).[[1]](#footnote-2) Specifically, the Commission directed WCB to develop an Annual Report that each ICS Provider must file regarding its Inmate Calling Services operations during the proceeding calendar year. The Commission also directed WCB to develop related instructions and a template to gather this information, and required each ICS Provider to file an Annual Certification declaring its compliance with the Commission’s Inmate Calling Services rules during the preceding calendar year. These Annual Reporting and Annual Certification requirements are designed to help ensure transparency in ICS rates, fees, and practices, and to ensure that ICS Providers comply with the Commission’s rules.

These instructions and the accompanying templates and certification form are designed to implement the Commission’s directives.[[2]](#footnote-3)

# II. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND FILING REQUIREMENTS

## A. Who Must File?

Each Inmate Calling Services Provider must submit a complete and accurate Annual Reporting Form (FCC Form 2301(a)) and Annual Certification Form (FCC Form 2301(b)) (collectively, FCC Form 2301) annually. Each group of affiliated Providers shall respond as a single entity, regardless of the number of separately incorporated companies or other entities within that group that provide ICS.

A Subcontractor is classified as an ICS Provider if it partners with or serves an ICS Provider that holds a direct contractual relationship with a correctional authority, and the Subcontractor also provides ICS services to incarcerated people, for example, by completing calls for ICS Customers. A Subcontractor is not exempted from the definition of an ICS Provider on the ground that it lacks a direct contractual relationship with a correctional authority. Therefore, where a Subcontractor completes calls but the ICS Provider bills Customers for those calls and then pays the Subcontractor, that Subcontractor will also meet the definition of an ICS Provider. By contrast, an entity that only provides billing and collection for inmate calling services provided by a separate entity and remits those revenues to that entity may not meet the definition of an ICS Provider.

Providers (including all Subcontractors that meet the definition of Provider set forth below) must complete and file all sections of FCC Form 2301 unless otherwise indicated.

Throughout these instructions, the terms “you” and “your” refer to any entities that must submit the FCC Form 2301. Part III, below, defines other terms used in these instructions and in the Annual Reporting and Annual Certification Forms.

## B. What to File

You must fully and completely respond to each request for information in these instructions using the attached Word and Excel templates and certification form. Once finalized, these templates and form will be available at <https://www.fcc.gov/general/ics-data-collections>. You must submit each template in a machine-readable and manipulatable format.

## 1. Annual Reporting Form

Your Annual Reporting Form shall consist of: (1) a Word document containing responses that require a narrative explanation (see Appendix A to these instructions); and (2) an Excel spreadsheet containing responses that indicate specific numbers, percentages, and or information (see Appendix B to these instructions).

As a general matter, these instructions direct you to enter your responses to requests for certain information or numbers at specific places in these templates. Provide your narrative responses in the Word template (Appendix A). You must also use the Word template to provide any additional information needed to ensure that your response is full and complete, and to identify and explain any caveats associated with your response.

Unless otherwise stated, provide your responses for the Annual Reporting Form using the Excel template (Appendix B). As a general matter, your entries on the Excel template will require input of specific numbers or percentages (e.g., a Facility’s Average Daily Population) or discrete information (e.g., a Facility’s geographical coordinates). The Excel template uses short descriptions (e.g., “No longer served” or “N/A”) to identify cells in which no data are to be reported. Following the same format, you should add additional rows or columns to this template as necessary to complete your responses.

## 2. Annual Certification Form

You must complete the Annual Certification Form (see Appendix C to these instructions) regarding the truthfulness, accuracy, and completeness of the Provider’s Annual Reporting Form and the Provider’s compliance with the Commission’s ICS rules.

Submissions will be rejected and returned for correction and resubmission if made without a completed certification form by an officer of the Provider that, based on information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the statements and information contained in the Report are accurate and complete.

## C. Filing Deadline and Submission

The Annual Reporting and Annual Certification Forms for the preceding calendar year must be submitted by April 1 of each year.

You must submit public versions of your Annual Reporting and Annual Certification Forms by filing the completed forms electronically through the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), by accessing the ECFS at <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.

You may file any information that you believe should be afforded confidential treatment pursuant to the guidance and limitations in the Protective Order in this proceeding and by adhering to the standard set forth in section 0.459(b) of the Commission’s rules, the *ICS Annual Report Transparency Order* and other applicable precedent.[[3]](#footnote-4) As the Bureau explained with regard to the 2019 Annual Reports, information regarding “facility names, inmate calling services rates, [and] the amounts of ancillary service charges” is not entitled to confidential treatment, given the “strong public interest in transparency surrounding rates, charges, terms, and fees for inmate calling services.”[[4]](#footnote-5) Similarly, information on a Facility’s average daily population was not protected from public disclosure.[[5]](#footnote-6) Absent a compelling showing to the contrary, these determinations will apply to future annual report filings.

Confidential versions of the reports must be submitted to the Secretary’s office using the Excel template provided by the Commission and in a machine-readable and manipulatable format. You must also provide courtesy copies of the confidential filing to the Bureau via email at icsannualreport@fcc.gov.

## D. Compliance

We caution Providers that they must proceed in good faith and with absolute candor in preparing and filing their Annual Reporting and Annual Certification Forms.[[6]](#footnote-7) Persons willfully making false statements in an Annual Reporting Form or Annual Certification Form can be punished by fine or forfeiture, under the Communications Act, 47 USC. §§ [502](https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=granuleid:USC-prelim-title47-section502&num=0&edition=prelim), [503(b)](https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?hl=false&edition=prelim&req=granuleid%3AUSC-prelim-title47-section503&num=0&saved=%7CZ3JhbnVsZWlkOlVTQy1wcmVsaW0tdGl0bGU0Ny1zZWN0aW9uNTAy%7C%7C%7C0%7Cfalse%7Cprelim), or by fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § [1001](https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=granuleid:USC-prelim-title18-section1001&num=0&edition=prelim).

# III. DEFINITIONS

Affiliates means any two or more companies, partnerships, or other legal entities where (a) one entity directly or indirectly owns or controls the other or others, (b) a Third Party controls or has the power to control both or all, (c) the entities share common ownership or have interlocking directorates, or (d) the entities share employees, equipment, and/or facilities. For purposes of this definition, the term “own” means to own an equity interest (or the equivalent thereof) of more than 10%.

Alternative Method for Calculating Average Daily Population means any method other than dividing the sum of all inmates in a facility for each day of a Year by the number of days in the Year.

Ancillary Services means Permissible Ancillary Services and Other Ancillary Services.

Ancillary Service Charge means any charge Consumers may be assessed for, or in connection with, the interstate or international use of Inmate Calling Services that is not included in the per-minute charges assessed for such individual calls. Ancillary Service Charges that may be assessed are limited only to those listed in 47 CFR § 64.6000(a)(1)-(5) and consist of Automated Payment Fees, Live Agent Fees, Paper Bill/Statement Fees, Fees for Single-Call and Related Services, and Third-Party Financial Transaction Fees. All other Ancillary Service Charges are prohibited in connection with interstate and international Inmate Calling Services. For purposes of this definition, “interstate” includes any jurisdictionally mixed charge, as defined in 47 CFR § 64.6000(u).

Ancillary Services Charge Rules means the FCC rules setting the maximum amounts Providers may charge for Ancillary Services. The Ancillary Service Charge Rules are set forth in 47 CFR § 64.6020, as may be subsequently amended by the Commission.

Annual Certification Form means FCC Form 2301(b).

Annual Reporting Form means FCC Form 2301(a). This form consists of (1) the Word template, FCC Form 2301(a)(1) and (2) the Excel template, FCC Form 2301(a)(2).

Automated Payment Fees means credit card payment fees, debit card payment fees, and bill processing fees, including fees for payments made by interactive voice response (IVR), web, or Incarcerated Person Kiosk.

Automated Payment Service means any service providing Customers of Inmate Calling Services with credit card payment, debit card payment, and bill processing services, including enabling payments by interactive voice response (IVR), web, or Incarcerated Person Kiosk.

Average Daily Population or ADP means the sum of all Incarcerated Persons in a facility for each day of a Year, divided by the number of days in the Year.

Billed Minutes means the number of Inmate Calling Services minutes supplied during a Year for which payment is demanded.

Billed Revenues means gross sales, without adjustment for uncollectable accounts or expenses related to producing these sales, derived from the number of units of a service supplied during a Year for which payment is demanded.

Consumer means the party paying a Provider of Inmate Calling Services.

Contractually Prescribed Facility Rate Component means the Facility-Related Rate Component set forth in 47 CFR § 64.6030(d)(2).

Contractually Prescribed Site Commission means a Site Commission payment required pursuant to a contract negotiated between a Facility and a Provider.

Customer means the Incarcerated Person or the person who pays for ICS if that person is not the Incarcerated Person.

Facility means a Prison or Jail as those terms are defined elsewhere in this document.

Facility-Related Rate Component means either the Legally Mandated Facility Rate Component or the Contractually Prescribed Facility Rate Component as set forth in 47 CFR § 64.6030(d).

Fees for Single-Call and Related Services means billing arrangements whereby an Incarcerated Person’s collect calls are billed through a Third Party on a per-call basis, where the called party does not have an account with the Provider of Inmate Calling Services or does not want to establish an account.

Fixed Site Commission means a Site Commission that is assessed or paid without regard to ICS usage or revenues. Fixed Site Commissions include, but are not limited to, minimum annual guarantee payments, other lump-sum payments, and payments in-kind that Providers make pursuant to ICS contracts.

Incarcerated Person means a person detained in a Prison or Jail, regardless of the duration of the detention.

Inmate Calling Services and ICS mean a service that allows Incarcerated Persons to make calls to individuals outside the Facility where the Incarcerated Person is being held, regardless of the technology used to deliver the service.

ICS-Related Operations means the actions or tasks performed by the Provider or authorized personnel to deliver Inmate Calling Services and related Ancillary Services to Incarcerated Persons and those they call, including but not limited to billing, customer service, and other requirements as determined by contract or by law. It excludes all Site Commission payments, including actions or tasks that are part of In-Kind Site Commission payments.

In-Kind Site Commission means a Site Commission that does not take the form of a Monetary Site Commission.

Intrastate Communication means any communication that originates and terminates in the same state, territory, or possession of the United States (other than the Canal Zone), or the District of Columbia.

International Communication means a communication or transmission from any state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia to points outside the United States.

International Destination means the rate zone in which an international call terminates. For countries that have a single rate zone, International Destination means the country in which an international call terminates.

Interstate Communication means, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 153(28), communication or transmission (a) from any state, territory, or possession of the United States (other than the Canal Zone), or the District of Columbia, to any other state, territory, or possession of the United States (other than the Canal Zone), or the District of Columbia, (b) from or to the United States to or from the Canal Zone, insofar as such communication or transmission takes place within the United States, or (c) between points within the United States but through a foreign country. Interstate Communication shall not, for purposes of these instructions, include wire or radio communication between points in the same state, territory, or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, through any place outside thereof, if such communication is regulated by a state commission.

Jail means a facility of a local, state, or federal law enforcement agency that is used primarily to hold individuals who are: (a) awaiting adjudication of criminal charges; (b) post-conviction and committed to confinement for sentences of one year or less; or (c) post-conviction and awaiting transfer to another facility. The term also includes city, county or regional facilities that have contracted with a private company to manage day-to-day operations; privately owned and operated facilities primarily engaged in housing city, county or regional Incarcerated Persons; facilities used to detain individuals operated directly by the Federal Bureau of Prisons or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or pursuant to a contract with those agencies; juvenile detention centers; and secure mental health facilities.

Legally Mandated Facility Rate Component means rate component set forth in 47 CFR § 64.6030(d)(1).

Legally Mandated Site Commission means a Site Commission payment required by state statutes or laws and regulations that are adopted pursuant to state administrative procedure statutes where there is notice and an opportunity for public comment such as by a state public utility commission or similar regulatory body with jurisdiction to establish Inmate Calling Services rates, terms, and conditions and that operate independently of the contracting process between Facilities and Providers.

Live Agent Fee means a fee associated with the optional use of a live operator to complete Inmate Calling Services Transactions.

Live Agent Service means providing Customers of Inmate Calling Services the optional use of a live operator to complete Inmate Calling Services Transactions.

Monetary Site Commission means a Site Commission that takes the form of a monetary payment.

Other Ancillary Services means an ancillary service that is not a Permissible Ancillary Service.

Paper Bill/Statement Fees means fees associated with providing Customers of Inmate Calling Services an optional paper billing statement.

Paper Bill/Statement Service means providing Customers of Inmate Calling Services an optional paper billing statement.

Permissible Ancillary Services means Automated Payment Service, Live Agent Service, Paper Bill/Statement Service, Single-Call and Related Services, and Third-Party Financial Transaction Services, as defined in Part 64 of the Commission’s rules and these Instructions.

Prison means a facility operated by a territorial, state, or federal agency that is used primarily to confine individuals convicted of felonies and sentenced to terms in excess of one year. The term also includes public and private facilities that provide outsource housing to other agencies such as the State Departments of Correction and the Federal Bureau of Prisons; and facilities that would otherwise fall under the definition of Jail but in which the majority of Incarcerated Persons are post-conviction or are committed to confinement for sentences of longer than one year.

Provider, ICS Provider, and Provider of Inmate Calling Services mean any communications service provider that provides Inmate Calling Services, regardless of the technology used, as defined in 47 CFR § 64.6000(s). This definition includes all entities acting as Subcontractors as defined below, to the extent that their activities otherwise include the provision of Inmate Calling Services.

Provider-Related Rate Component means the interim per-minute rate specified in either 47 CFR § 64.6030(b) or 47 CFR § 64.6030(c) that Providers at Jails with Average Daily Populations of 1,000 or more Inmates and all Prisons may charge for interstate Collect Calling, Debit Calling, Prepaid Calling, or Prepaid Collect Calling.

Rate Cap Rules means the FCC rules setting the maximum amounts Providers may charge for Inmate Calling Services subject to the FCC’s jurisdiction. The Rate Cap Rules for the period January 1, 2021 through October 25, 2021 are set forth in 47 CFR § 64.6030 (2020). The Rate Cap Rules for the period beginning October 26, 2021 are set forth in 47 CFR § 64.6030, as may be subsequently amended by the Commission.

Reporting Period means the Year immediately preceding the Year during which an Annual Report is due. The Reporting Period for the Annual Report due April 1, 2022 is January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

Revenue-Sharing Agreement means any agreement, whether express, implied, written, or oral between a Provider or any Affiliate and a Third Party, such as a financial institution, or between a Provider and any of its Affiliates that, over the course of the agreement, directly or indirectly results in the payment of all or part of the revenue received from the provision of ICS or any Ancillary Service to the other party to the agreement.

Single-Call and Related Services means billing arrangements whereby an Incarcerated Person’s collect calls are billed through a Third Party on a per-call basis, where the called party does not have an account with the Provider of Inmate Calling Services.

Site Commissions means any form of monetary payment, in kind payment, gift, exchange of services or goods, fee, technology allowance, or product that a Provider of Inmate Calling Services or Affiliate of a Provider of Inmate Calling Services may pay, give, donate, or otherwise provide to an entity that operates a correctional institution, an entity with which the Provider of Inmate Calling Services enters into an agreement to provide ICS, a governmental agency that oversees a Facility, the city, the county, or state where a Facility is located, or an agent of any such Facility.

Subcontractor means an entity that provides ICS to a Facility and has a contract or other arrangement with another Provider for provision of ICS to that Facility. A Subcontractor need not have a contractual relationship with the Facility.

Telecommunications Relay Services or TRS means telephone transmission services that provide the ability for an individual who is deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind, or who has a speech disability to engage in communication by wire or radio with one or more individuals, in a manner that is functionally equivalent to the ability of a hearing individual who does not have a speech disability to communicate using voice communication services by wire or radio, as defined in 47 CFR § 64.601(a)(42).

Text Telephone or TTY means a machine that employs graphic communication in the transmission of coded signals through a wire or radio communication system, as defined in 47 CFR § 64.601(a)(43). TTY supersedes the term “TDD” or “telecommunications device for the deaf,” and TT.

Third Party means an entity that is not a Provider, an Affiliate of a Provider, or a Facility.

Third-Party Financial Transaction Fees means the exact fees, with no markup, that Providers of Inmate Calling Services are charged by Third Parties to transfer money or process financial transactions to facilitate a Customer’s ability to make account payments via a Third Party.

Third-Party Financial Transaction Services means the transfer of money or the processing of financial transactions to facilitate a Customer’s ability to make account payments via a Third Party.

Variable Site Commissions means Site Commissions that are assessed on a per-unit basis, such as a per-minute basis, percentage of ICS revenue, or number of ICS phones at a Facility.

Year means a calendar year, from January 1 through December 31 of any given year.

# IV. ANNUAL REPORT REQUIREMENTS

## Basic Information

This section directs you to provide general information and data about your Company and its Affiliates. Enter your responses for items IV.A.(1) through IV.A.(9) in the Excel template and your responses to items IV.A.(10) through IV.A.(14) in the Word template.

**(1) Provider Name:** Provide the name under which the Provider offers Inmate Calling Services. If the Provider offers Inmate Calling Services under more than one name, list all relevant names.

**(2) Reporting Period:** Provide the relevant time period for the information the report covers.

**(3) Officer Name, Title:** Provide the name and title of the officer completing and certifying FCC Form 2301(a). The officer may be the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Financial Officer (CFO), or another senior executive with first-hand knowledge of the truthfulness, accuracy, and completeness of the information provided.

**(4) Officer Telephone Number:** Provide the business telephone number with area code (containing ten digits) for the officer identified in item IV.A.(3).

**(5) Officer E-Mail Address:** Provide the business email address of the officer identified in item IV.A.(3).

**(6) Total Number of Correctional Facilities Served by Provider:** Provide the total number of Facilities in which you offered ICS during the Reporting Period. You must include Facilities that you no longer serve if you served them during the Reporting Period.

**(7) Number of Prisons Served by Provider:** Provide the number of Prisons in which you offered ICS during the Reporting Period. You must include Prisons that you no longer serve, if you served them during the Reporting Period.

**(8) Number of Jails Served by Provider with Average Daily Population (ADP) below 1,000:** Provide the number of Jails in which you offered ICS during the Reporting Period that have an ADP below 1,000. You must include Jails that you no longer serve, if you served them during the Reporting Period.

**(9) Number of Jails Served by Provider with ADP of 1000 or more:** Provide the number of Jails in which you offered ICS during the Reporting Period that have an ADP of 1000 or more. You must include Jails that you no longer serve if you served them during the Reporting Period.

**(10) Provider Name:** In the Word template, provide the name under which the Provider offers Inmate Calling Services. List all relevant names if the Provider offers Inmate Calling Services under more than one name.

**(11) Correctional Facilities Served Less than a Full Year:** In the Word template, provide the names of all Facilities that you served for less than a full year during the Reporting Period and the corresponding dates of your service (e.g., [Facility Name], From [Month]/[Date] to [Month]/[Date]). If you served all Facilities reported in item IV.A.(6) during the entirety of the Reporting Period, enter “N/A: The Provider served each Facility listed in the Excel template throughout the entire Reporting Period.”

**(12) Explanation of Alternative Method for Calculating ADP:** In the Word template, provide the names of all Facilities for which the ADP reported reflects an alternative method for calculating ADP. Describe in detail the method used to calculate ADP for each of those Facilities.

**(13) Narrative Description of a Subcontract to Provide ICS:** If a Provider contracts with a Subcontractor to provide any aspect of ICS, the Provider and the Subcontractor shall explain each such arrangement in the Word template of their respective responses. At a minimum, this explanation shall include:

(a) The name of the Provider with the contractual or other agreement with a Facility or contracting authority for the provision of ICS;

(b) The name of the Subcontractor;

(c) The services provided by the Subcontractor under the agreement;

(d) The unique identifier and address for the Facilities at which the Subcontractor provides services under the agreement;

(e) A description of the ICS-Related Operations provided by the Provider;

(f) A description of the ICS-Related Operations provided by the Subcontractor;

(g) A list of the types of ICS calls and Ancillary Services billed by the Provider;

(h) A detailed description of any Revenue-Sharing Agreement between the Provider and the Subcontractor, including any such Agreement with regard to proceeds from those calls and services; and

(i) A list of the types of ICS calls and Ancillary Services billed by the Subcontractor and description of any Revenue-Sharing Agreement between the Provider and the Subcontractor, including any such Agreement with regard to proceeds from those calls and services.

**(14) Additional Information:** In the Word template, provide any additional information needed to ensure that your entries for Basic Information are full and complete.

## B. ICS Rates

This section directs you to report Intrastate, Interstate, and International ICS rates you charged at each Facility you served during the Reporting Period. Enter your responses to items IV.B.(1) through IV.B.(9) in the Excel template and your responses to items IV.B.(7)(d), IV.B.(7)(e), IV.B.(8)(e), IV.B.(9)(e), IV.B.(9)(f), and IV.B.(9)(g) in the Word template.

**(1) Contracting Party:** In this column, enter the name the counterparty to each contract for the provision of ICS that the Provider held during the Reporting Period. Identify the specific party with whom the Provider executed the contract (e.g., “[State’s] Department of Corrections”).

**(2) Contract Identifier:** In this column, provide a unique identifier for each contract for the Provider’s provision of ICS that was in effect during the Reporting Period.

**(3) Name of Facilities Covered by Contract:** In this column, for each individual contract listed in response to item IV.B.(2), enter the name of every Facility served under that contract during the Reporting Period.

**(4) Location of Facilities:** In these two columns, enter the complete address and geographical coordinates for each Facility listed in response to item IV.B.(3).

**(4)(a) Facility Address:** Enter the complete address (street address, city, state, and ZIP Code) of the physical location of each listed Facility.

**(4)(b)** **Geographical Coordinates:** Enter the geographical coordinates of each listed Facility.

**(5) Facility Type:** In this column, indicate whether the relevant Facility is a Prison or a Jail. You may not enter any terms other than either Prison or Jail in this column.

**(6) ADP:** In this column, provide the ADP that corresponds to each Facility that the Provider listed in response to item IV.B.(3). You may enter only an integer in this column.

**(7) Intrastate Rates:** In these columns, provide information pertaining to rates you charged for Intrastate ICS calls from each Facility you served during the Reporting Period. For the first two categories listed below—Highest and Year-End—provide, for each Facility: (a) the total amount charged for a 15-minute call; (b) the amount charged for the first minute of that call; and (c) the amount charged per minute for each subsequent minute of that call. If your per-minute rate at a Facility did not vary, then enter the same rate in the relevant sub-columns.

For example, if you provided Intrastate ICS at $0.11 for the first minute and $0.10 per minute for each subsequent minute during the first six months of the Reporting Period and at $0.09 for the first minute and $0.11 per minute during the remainder of the Reporting Period, your former rate combination would result in total charges of $1.51 (0.11 + 0.10\*14) for a 15-minute call and your latter rate combination would result in total charges of $1.63 (0.09 + 0.11\*14) for a 15-minute call. You therefore would report $1.63 in sub-column (7)(a)(i), $0.09 in sub-column (7)(a)(ii), and $0.11 in sub-column (7)(a)(iii).

**(7)(a) Highest 15-Minute Rate:**

**(7)(a)(i) 15-Minute Rate:** Report the highest amount you charged for a 15-minute Intrastate call from each Facility during the Reporting Period in sub-column (7)(a)(i). If you offered different Intrastate rate plans within the Reporting Period or changed Intrastate rates during the Reporting Period, you must report the rate combination that resulted in the highest 15-minute rate even if a lower 15-minute rate was also available to the Consumers at some point during the Reporting Period.

**(7)(a)(ii) First Minute Rate:** You must break down the highest 15-minute rate you entered in sub-column (7)(a)(i) into two individual per-minute rates and enter the rate for the first minute in sub-column (7)(a)(ii).

**(7)(a)(iii) Additional Minute Rate:** You must break down the highest 15-minute rate you entered in sub-column (7)(a)(i) into two individual rates and enter the rate for each subsequent minute in sub-column (7)(a)(iii).

**(7)(b) Highest Year-End 15-Minute Rate:**

**(7)(b)(i) 15-Minute Rate:** Report the highest amount you charged for a 15-minute Intrastate call from each Facility on December 31 in sub-column (7)(b)(i). If you offered different Intrastate rate plans on December 31, you must report the rate combination that resulted in the highest 15-minute rate even if a lower 15-minute Intrastate rate was also available to the Consumers on December 31. For Facilities that you no longer served as of December 31, enter “N/A.”

**(7)(b)(ii) First Minute Rate:** You must break down the highest year-end 15-minute rate you entered in (7)(b)(i) into two individual rates and enter the first minute rate in sub-column (7)(b)(ii). For Facilities that you no longer served as of December 31, enter “N/A.”

**(7)(b)(iii) Additional Minute Rate:** You must break down the highest year-end 15-minute rate you entered in sub-column (7)(b)(i) into two individual rates and enter the rate for each subsequent minute in sub-column (7)(b)(iii). For Facilities that you no longer served as of December 31, enter “N/A.”

**(7)(c) Average Per-Minute Rate:** Report the average per-minute rate you charged for Intrastate ICS calls from each Facility during the Reporting Period. This average shall equal the total Billed Revenues from charges for intrastate ICS calls from the Facility during the Reporting Period (excluding any revenues from Ancillary Services) divided by the total Billed Minutes of Intrastate ICS from that Facility during the Reporting Period.

**(7)(d) Alternative Rate Structures:** If you have implemented any rate structure other than per-minute rates for Intrastate ICS calls from any Facility, explain in detail in the Word template.

**(7)(e) Additional Information:** In the Word template, provide any additional information needed to ensure that your entries for Intrastate Rates are full and complete.

**(8) Interstate Rates:** In these columns, provide information pertaining to rates you charged for Interstate ICS calls from each Facility you served during the Reporting Period. For the first two categories listed below—Highest and Year-End—provide, for each Facility: (a) the total amount charged for a 15-minute call including both the Provider-Related Component and any Facility-Related Component; (b) the amount charged for the first minute of that call; (c) the amount charged per minute for each subsequent minute of that call; and (d) any Facility-Related Rate Component of the amount charged per minute of that call. If your per-minute rate at a Facility did not vary, then enter the same rate in the relevant sub-columns.

For example, if you provided Interstate ICS at $0.11 for the first minute and $0.10 per minute for each subsequent minute during the first six months of the Reporting Period and at $0.09 for the first minute and $0.11 per minute during the remainder of the Reporting Period, your former rate combination would result in total charges of $1.51 for a 15-minute call and your latter rate combination would result in total charges of $1.63 for a 15-minute call. You therefore would report $1.63 in sub-column (8)(a)(i). If you charged $0.02 per-minute as your Facility-Related Rate Component, then you must report $0.09 in sub-column (8)(a)(ii), which asks for the total first minute rate including the Facility-Related Rate Component; $0.11 in sub-column (8)(a)(iii), which asks for the total additional minute rate including the Facility-Related Rate Component; and $0.02 in sub-column (8)(a)(iv), which asks for the per-minute Facility-Related Rate Component alone.

You may enter “N/A” in column (8)(a)(iv) if the Facility being addressed had an ADP less than 1,000 during the Reporting Period or if the Interstate ICS rates reported in columns (8)(a) and (8)(b) were charged only prior to October 26, 2021.

**(8)(a) Highest 15-Minute Rate:**

**(8)(a)(i) Highest 15-Minute Rate:** Report the highest amount you charged for a 15-minute Interstate call from each Facility during the Reporting Period in sub-column (8)(a)(i). If you offered different Interstate rate plans within the Reporting Period or changed Interstate rates during the Reporting Period, you must report the rate combination that resulted in the highest 15-minute rate even if a lower 15-minute rate was also available to the Consumers at some point during the Reporting Period. You must calculate the highest 15-minute rate by including both the Provider-Related Rate Component and any Facility-Related Component of your per-minute interstate rates.

**(8)(a)(ii) First Minute Rate:** You must break down the highest 15-minute rate you entered in sub-column (8)(a)(i) into two individual per-minute rates and enter the first minute rate in sub-column (8)(a)(ii). This total first minute rate should include both the Provider-Related Rate Component and any Facility-Related Rate Component.

**(8)(a)(iii) Additional Minute Rate:** You must break down the highest 15-minute rate you entered in sub-column (8)(a)(i) into two individual rates and enter the rate for each subsequent minute in sub-column (8)(a)(iii). This total additional minute rate should include both the Provider-Related Rate Component and any Facility-Related Rate Component.

**(8)(a)(iv) Per-Minute Facility-Related Rate:** Report your Facility-Related RateComponent of your per-minute Interstate rates applied in calculating the Highest 15-Minute Rate you entered in (8)(a)(i).

**(8)(b) Highest Year-End 15-Minute Rate:**

**(8)(b)(i) Highest 15-Minute Rate:** Report the highest amount you charged for a 15-minute Interstate call from each Facility on December 31 in sub-column (8)(b)(i). If you offered different Interstate rate plans on December 31, you must report the rate combination that resulted in the highest 15-minute rate even if a lower 15-minute Interstate rate was also available to the Consumers on December 31. You must calculate the highest 15-minute rate by including both the Provider-Related Rate Component and any Facility-Related Component of your per-minute Interstate rates. For Facilities that you no longer served as of December 31, enter “N/A.”

**(8)(b)(ii) First Minute Rate:** You must break down the highest year-end 15-minute rate you entered in (8)(b)(i) into two individual rates and enter the first minute rate in sub-column (8)(b)(ii). This total first minute rate should include both the Provider-Related Rate Component and any Facility-Related Rate Component. For Facilities that you no longer served as of December 31, enter “N/A.”

**(8)(b)(iii) Additional Minute Rate:** You must break down the highest year-end 15-minute rate you entered in sub-column (8)(b)(i) into two individual rates and enter the rate for each subsequent minute in sub-column (8)(b)(iii). This total additional minute rate should include both the Provider-Related Rate Component and any Facility-Related Rate Component. For Facilities that you no longer served as of December 31, enter “N/A.”

**(8)(b)(iv) Per-Minute Facility-Related Rate:** Report your Facility-Related RateComponent of your per-minute interstate rates applied in calculating the Highest 15-Minute Rate you entered in (8)(b)(i). For Facilities that you no longer served as of December 31, enter “N/A.”

**(8)(c) Average Per-Minute Rate:** Report the average per-minute rate you charged for Interstate ICS calls from each Facility during the Reporting Period. This average shall equal the total Billed Revenues from charges for interstate ICS calls from the Facility during the Reporting Period (excluding any revenues from Ancillary Services) divided by the total number of Billed Minutes of interstate ICS from that Facility during the Reporting Period.

**(8)(d) Above Rate Caps:** In this column, enter “Yes” if you charged an Interstate rate above the maximum rate permitted under the Commission’s Rate Cap Rules for any minute of an Interstate ICS call from the Facility during the Reporting Period.

Enter “No” in this column if you only charged Interstate rates at or below the maximum rate permitted under the Commission’s Rate Cap Rules for ICS calls from the given Facility during the Reporting Period.

Please note that the Commission’s Rate Cap Rules can change during a Reporting Period and you must enter “Yes” or “No” for each Facility by comparing your rates to the relevant rate caps that were in effect when you charged those rates to the Consumers.

**(8)(e) Additional Information:** In the Word template, provide any additional information needed to ensure that your entries for Interstate Rates are full and complete.

**(9) International Rates:** In these columns, provide information pertaining to your highest per-minute rates and any termination charges you assessed on Consumers for International ICS calls from each Facility you served during the Reporting Period.

For rates charged prior to October 26, 2021, you use the prior instructions and template for the Annual Report that are available at https://www.fcc.gov/‌general/‌ics-data-collections. Alternatively, you may enter “N/A” for your responses in the first, second, and third quarters for 2021 for items (9)(b)(iii) and (9)(b)(iv) for those rates. For rates charged on or after October 26, 2021, Providers shall calculate termination charges in accordance with 47 CFR § 64.6030(e) and shall complete all subsections below.

**(9)(a) Domestic Portion of International Rates:** Select “Yes” if the domestic portion of your International ICS rates from the Facility (i.e., your International ICS rate minus any International termination charges) was the same as the Interstate rates you charged for Interstate calls from the Facility. Select “No” if the domestic portion of your International ICS rates differed from the Interstate rates you charged for Interstate calls from the Facility. If you select “No,” you must explain how they differed in the Word template, as further described in item IV.B.(9) below.

**(9)(b) Rates By International Destination:** For all International ICS rates you charged on and after October 26, 2021, you must report, for each calendar quarter, the maximum amount and the average amount that you paid your underlying International service provider for calls to each International Destination on a per-minute basis calculated in accordance with 47 CFR § 64.6030(e) at each Facility you served during the Reporting Period.

**(9)(b)(i) Destination:** Enter every International Destination at which calls from each Facility you served were terminated during the Reporting Period.

**(9)(b)(ii) Highest Per-Minute Rate:** Enter the highest per-minute rate you charged for International ICS calls from each Facility during the Reporting Period.

**(9)(b)(ii)(1) First Minute Rate:** Enter the highest first minute rate you charged for International ICS calls from each Facility during the Reporting Period.

**(9)(b)(ii)(2) Additional Minute Rate:** Enter the highest additional minute rate you charged for International ICS calls from each Facility during the Reporting Period.

**(9)(b)(iii) Maximum Termination Charges:** Report the maximum amount that you paid your underlying International service provider for calls to each International Destination on a per-minute basis. You may enter “N/A” for the first, second, and third quarters of 2021.

**(9)(b)(iii)(1) Q1:** Enter the maximum termination charge for the first quarter of the Reporting Period.

**(9)(b)(iii)(2) Q2:** Enter the maximum termination charge for the second quarter of the Reporting Period.

**(9)(b)(iii)(3) Q3:** Enter the maximum termination charge for the third quarter of the Reporting Period.

**(9)(b)(iii)(4) Q4:** Enter the maximum termination charge for the fourth quarter of the Reporting Period.

**(9)(b)(iv) Average Termination Charges:** Report the average amount that you paid your underlying International service provider for calls to each International Destination on a per-minute basis calculated in accordance with 47 CFR § 64.6030(e). You may enter “N/A” for the first, second, and third quarters of 2021.

**(9)(b)(iv)(1) Q1:** Enter the average termination charge for the first quarter of the Reporting Period.

**(9)(b)(iv)(2) Q2:** Enter the average termination charge for the second quarter of the Reporting Period.

**(9)(b)(iv)(3) Q3:** Enter the average termination charge for the third quarter of the Reporting Period.

**(9)(b)(iv)(4) Q4:** Enter the average termination charge for the fourth quarter of the Reporting Period.

**(9)(c) Above Cap International Rates:** In this column, enter “Yes” if you assessed any rate above the maximum amount permitted under the Commission’s Rate Cap Rules for any minute of an International ICS call from the Facility during the Reporting Period.

Enter “No” in this column if your International rates were at or below the maximum amount permitted under the Commission’s Rate Cap Rules for each International ICS call from the given Facility during the Reporting Period.

**(9)(d) Above Cap Termination Charges:** In this column, enter “Yes” if you assessed any termination charge above the maximum amount permitted under the Commission’s Rate Cap Rules for any minute of an International ICS call from the Facility during the Reporting Period.

Enter “No” in this column if your termination charges were at or below the maximum amount permitted under the Commission’s Rate Cap Rules for ICS calls from the given Facility during the Reporting Period.

**(9)(e) Domestic Portion of International Rates:** If any of your answers for item IV.B.(9)(a) is “No,” explain in the Word template how the domestic portion of your International ICS rates differed from the Interstate rates you charged for Interstate calls from the Facility.

**(9)(f) Above Cap Termination Charges:** If any of your answers for item IV.B.(9)(b) is “Yes,” explain in detail in the Word template the circumstances surrounding your assessing a termination charge above the maximum amount permitted under the Commission’s Rate Cap Rules. This explanation shall include, among other relevant information, the circumstances leading to the above cap assessments; the total amount of above cap assessments; the number of Consumers affected; the number of calls affected; a breakdown of the above cap assessments by Facility and International Destination; and a statement as to whether the above cap assessments have been refunded to Consumers.

**(9)(g) Additional Information:** In the Word template, provide any additional information needed to ensure that your entries for International Rates are full and complete.

## C. ICS Rates Above the Maximum Rates Permitted Under the Commission’s Rate Cap Rules

This section requires you to provide additional information regarding the Interstate and International rates charged for ICS calls from each Facility for which you entered “Yes” in response to items IV.B.(8)(d) and IV.B.(9)(d). Enter “N/A: No Charges Above the FCC Rate Caps” at the top of the sheet C. of the Excel template if you entered “No” for every Facility you served during the Reporting Period in response to items IV.B.(8)(d) and IV.B.(9)(d). Enter your responses for items IV.C.(1) through IV.C.(3) in the Excel template, and items IV.B.(4) through IV.B.(6) in the Word template.

**(1) Contract Identifier:** In this column, provide a unique identifier for each contract for the Provider’s provision of ICS that was in effect during the Reporting Period.

**(2) Name of Facilities Covered by Contract:** In this column, for each individual contract listed in response to item IV.C.(1), enter the name of every Facility served under that contract during the Reporting Period.

**(3) Rate Information:** In these columns, provide additional information regarding the Interstate and International rates charged for ICS calls from each Facility for which you entered “Yes” in response to items IV.B.(8)(d) and IV.B.(9)(d).

**(3)(a) Applicable Period:** Provide the relevant period during which you charged each reported rate in a MM/DD/YYYY format (e.g., “03/22/2021 to 07/15/2021”).

**(3)(b) Interstate Rates:** For your Interstate ICS rates charged between January 1, 2021 and October 25, 2021 or charged at Jails with ADP less than 1,000 on or after October 26, 2021, you may complete item (3)(d)(i) only without regard to the division between the Provider-Related Rate Component and the Facility-Related Rate Component, and enter “N/A” in item (3)(d)(ii)-(iv). In all other cases, complete all items below.

**(3)(b)(i) Total Rate:** If your total combined Interstate rate (i.e., the sum of Provider-Related Rate Component and Facility-Related Rate Component) and/or a component thereof exceeded the maximum rate permitted under the Rate Cap Rules, report the total per-minute rate that your charged.

**(3)(b)(ii) Provider Rate:** If your total combined Interstate rate and/or a component thereof exceeded the maximum rate permitted under the Rate Cap Rules, report the Provider-Related Rate Component of the rate that you charged.

**(3)(b)(iii) Facility Rate:** If your total combined Interstate rate and/or a component thereof exceeded the maximum rate permitted under the Rate Cap Rules, report the Facility-Related Rate Component of the rate that you charged.

**(3)(b)(iv) Facility Rate Type:** Indicate the nature of the rate that you reported in (3)(b)(iii). Select “Contract” if the facility rate component is required by your contract with the Facility. Select “State Law” if the facility rate component is required by a state statute, law, or regulation applicable to your rate.

**(3)(c) International Rates:** For your International ICS rates charged on or after October 25, 2021, complete all items below.

**(3)(c)(i) Total Rate:** If your total per-minute International ICS rate (i.e., the sum of the domestic portion and any termination charge) and/or a component thereof exceeded the maximum rate permitted under the Rate Cap Rules, report the total per-minute rate that your charged.

**(3)(c)(ii) Termination Charge:** If your total per-minute International ICS rate or your termination charge exceeded the maximum amount permitted under the Rate Cap Rules, report the termination charge that you charged.

**(4) Explanation of Above Cap Interstate Rates:** In the Word template, explain in detail the circumstances surrounding each Interstate ICS rate you charged that exceeded the maximum amount permissible under the Commission’s Rate Cap Rules. This explanation shall include, among other relevant information, the circumstances leading to the above cap charges; the total amount of above cap charges; the number of Consumers affected; the number of calls affected; a breakdown of the above cap charges by Facility; and a statement as to the extent to which the above cap assessments have been refunded to Consumers.

**(5) Explanation of Above Cap International Rates:** In the Word template, explain in detail any International ICS rates you charged from each Facility since October 26, 2021 that the circumstances surrounding each Interstate ICS rate you charged that exceeded the maximum amount permissible under the Commission’s Rate Cap Rules. exceeded the maximum International rate permissible under the Commission’s Rate Cap Rules. This explanation shall include, among other relevant information, the circumstances leading to the above cap charges; the total amount of above cap charges; the number of Consumers affected; the number of calls affected; a breakdown of the above cap charges by Facility; and a statement as to the extent to which the above cap assessments have been refunded to Consumers.

**(6) Additional Information:** In the Word template, provide here any additional information needed to ensure that your entries for ICS Rates Above the Maximum Rates Permitted Under the Commission’s Rate Cap Rules are full and complete.

## D. Ancillary Service Charges

This section requires you to provide, on a Facility-by-Facility basis, information regarding any Ancillary Services you offered during the Reporting Period. Please enter your responses for items IV.D.(1) and IV.D.(2) in the Excel template, and items IV.D.(4) through IV.D.(6) in the Word template.

**(1) Contract Identifier:** In this column, provide a unique identifier for each contract for the Provider’s provision of ICS that was in effect during the Reporting Period.

**(2) Name of Facilities Covered by Contract:** In this column, for each individual contract listed in response to item IV.D.(1), enter the name of every Facility served under that contract during the Reporting Period.

**(3) Ancillary Service Charges:** The template already contains columns for Automated Payment Service, Live Agent Service, Paper Bill/Statement Service, Single-Call and Related Services, and Third-Party Financial Transaction Services and a placeholder column for Other Ancillary Services. Each Ancillary Service column contains four sub-columns, (3)(a)-(d), as described below. Using these sub-columns, you must indicate whether you assessed an Ancillary Service Charge at the relevant Facility during the Reporting Period and report the jurisdictional nature of the charge, the amount you billed to Consumers per transaction, and the total number of times each charge had been assessed. For any Ancillary Service Charges you assessed on Consumers that are not listed, use the placeholder column for Other Ancillary Services and change the column name (e.g., Other-Connection Fee) and repeat this column as needed.

**(3)(a) Billed (Yes/No):** In this column, enter “Yes” if you assessed an Ancillary Service Charge to Consumers.

**(3)(b)** **Jurisdiction:** In this column, enter “Intrastate only,” “Interstate/International only,” or “Both,” depending on the jurisdictional nature of the Ancillary Service Charge.

**(3)(c) Amounts Billed for Ancillary Service Charges:** In this column, report the maximum amount per transaction billed to Consumers for each type of Ancillary Service Charge that you assessed.

**(3)(d) Number of Times Each Charge Has Been Assessed:** In this column, report the total number of times you assessed each Ancillary Service Charge to Consumers from each Facility during the Reporting Period. The number must be reported by Facility, not by Consumer, and must be for any amounts billed, not just the maximum amount billed, to Consumers.

**(4) Above Cap Ancillary Service Charges:** If any of your answers for item IV.D.(3)(c), Amounts Billed for Ancillary Service Charges, exceeds the maximum charges permitted under the Commission’s Ancillary Service Charge Rules, explain in detail in the Word template the circumstances surrounding the above cap charges. This explanation shall include, among other relevant information, the circumstances leading to the above cap charges; the total amount of above cap charges; the number of Consumers affected; a breakdown of the above cap charges by type of charge and frequency for each relevant Facility; and a statement as to the extent to which the above cap charges have been refunded to Consumers.

**(5) Allocation of Reported Number:**  If any of your answers for item IV.D.(3)(d), Number of Times Each Charge Has Been Assessed reflects an allocation of Ancillary Service Charge payments among Facilities, explain in the Word template why an allocation is necessary and provide the methodology used to perform the allocation.

**(6) Additional Information:** In the Word template, provide here any additional information needed to ensure that your entries for Ancillary Service Charges are full and complete.

## E. Site Commissions

This section requires you to report, for each Facility you served during the Reporting Period, your total average monthly Site Commission payments and to divide those payments into certain specified categories. Please enter your responses for items IV.E.(1) through IV.E.(4) in the Excel template, and items IV.E.(5) through IV.E.(9) in the Word template.

Each category’s monthly average shall be calculated by dividing the total Site Commission payments for that category during the Reporting Period by number of months during which you provided ICS during the Reporting Period. Each of your entries shall be a dollar amount, except that you shall enter “N/A” for categories for which you had no Site Commission payments during the Reporting Period.

**(1) Contract Identifier:** In this column, provide a unique identifier for each contract for the Provider’s provision of ICS that was in effect during the Reporting Period.

**(2) Name of Facilities Covered by Contract:** In this column, for each individual contract listed in response to item IV.E.(1), enter the name of every Facility served under that contract during the Reporting Period.

**(3) Monthly Site Commission Payments:** Report, for each Facility you served during the Reporting Period, the dollar amount of your average monthly Site Commission payments during the Reporting Period. Enter “N/A” for the sub-columns if you did not pay the applicable Site Commission.

**(3)(a) Legally Mandated Site Commission Payments:** Report, for each Facility you served during the Reporting Period, the dollar amount of your average monthly Legally Mandated Site Commission payments during the Reporting Period.

**(3)(a)(i) Monetary Site Commission Payments:** Report, for each Facility you served during the Reporting Period, the dollar amount of your average monthly Legally Mandated Site Commission payments that were Monetary Site Commission payments.

**(3)(a)(i)(1) Fixed Site Commission Payments:** Report, for each Facility you served during the Reporting Period, the dollar amount of your average monthly Legally Mandated, Monetary Site Commission payments that were Fixed Site Commission payments.

**(3)(a)(i)(2) Variable Site Commission Payments:** Report, for each Facility you served during the Reporting Period, the dollar amount of your average monthly Legally Mandated, Monetary Site Commission payments that were Variable Site Commission payments.

**(3)(a)(ii) In-Kind Site Commission Payments:** Report, for each Facility you served during the Reporting Period, the dollar amount of your average monthly Legally Mandated Site Commission payments that were In‑Kind Site Commission payments.

**(3)(a)(ii)(1) Fixed Site Commission Payments:** Report, for each Facility you served during the Reporting Period, the dollar amount of your average monthly Legally Mandated, In-Kind Site Commission payments that were Fixed Site Commission payments.

**(3)(a)(ii)(2) Variable Site Commission Payments:** Report, for each Facility you served during the Reporting Period, the dollar amount of your average monthly Legally Mandated, In-Kind Site Commission payments that were Variable Site Commission payments.

**(3)(b) Contractually Prescribed Site Commission Payments:** Report, for each Facility you served during the Reporting Period, the dollar amount of your average monthly Contractually Prescribed Site Commission payments.

**(3)(b)(i) Monetary Site Commission Payments:** Report, for each Facility you served during the Reporting Period, the dollar amount of your average monthly Contractually Prescribed Site Commission payments that were Monetary Site Commission payments.

**(3)(b)(i)(1) Fixed Site Commission Payments:** Report, for each Facility you served during the Reporting Period, the dollar amount of your average monthly Contractually Prescribed, Monetary Site Commission payments that were Fixed Site Commission payments.

**(3)(b)(i)(2) Variable Site Commission Payments:** Report, for each Facility you served during the Reporting Period, the dollar amount of your average monthly Contractually Prescribed, Monetary Site Commission payments that were Variable Site Commission payments.

**(3)(b)(ii) In-Kind Site Commission Payments:** Report, for each Facility you served during the Reporting Period, the dollar amount of your average monthly Contractually Prescribed Site Commission payments that were In‑Kind Site Commission payments.

**(3)(b)(ii)(1) Fixed Site Commission Payments:** Report, for each Facility you served during the Reporting Period, the dollar amount of your Legally Mandated, In-Kind Site Commission payments that were Fixed Site Commission payments.

**(3)(b)(ii)(2) Variable Site Commission Payments:** Report, for each Facility you served during the Reporting Period, the dollar amount of your average monthly Contractually Prescribed, In-Kind Site Commission payments that were Variable Site Commission payments.

**(4) Total Site Commission Amount Paid:** For each Facility you served during the Reporting Period, report the total dollar amount of your Site Commission payments during the Reporting Period.

**(4)(a) Total Fixed Site Commissions Amount Paid:** In this column, enter the total dollar amount in Fixed Site Commissions you paid to the Facility during the Reporting Period.

**(4)(b) Total Variable Site Commissions Amount Paid:** In this column, enter the total dollar amount in Variable Site Commissions you paid to the Facility during the Reporting Period.

**(5) Allocation of Reported Amount:** If any amount reported for items in IV.E.(3)-(4) reflects an allocation of Site Commission payments among Facilities covered by a given contract, explain in the Word template why an allocation is necessary, provide the methodology used to perform the allocation, and explain why you chose the particular allocation method. For each amount reflecting an allocation of Site Commission payments among Facilities covered by a given contract, you must identify each Facility to which that amount has been allocated and include the contract identifier information for each Facility covered by that contract.

**(6) In-Kind Site Commission:** Describe in the Word template your in-kind Site Commission payments in detail. Specifically describe each Security Service that you classify as an In-Kind Site Commission payment. Also specifically describe any other payment, gift, exchange of services or goods, fee, technology allowance, or product that you classify as an In-Kind Site Commission payment.

**(7) Distinguishing Legally Mandated and Contractually Prescribed Site Commission Payments:** For the period from January 1, 2021 through October 25, 2021 only, if you cannot distinguish between Legally Mandated or Contractually Prescribed Site Commission payments as required in items IV.E.(3)(a) and IV.E.(3)(b) above, explain in the Word template why you cannot make such a distinction and provide a separate spreadsheet for this period that reports Legally Mandated and Contractually Prescribed Site Commission Payments on a combined basis. Providers are required to distinguish between Legally Mandated and Contractually Prescribed Site Commission payments as set forth above.

**(8) Legal Authority for Legally Mandated Site Commission Payments:** For any Legally Mandated Site Commission payments reported in item IV.E.(3)(a) above, provide a citation to the authority requiring the Legally Mandated Site Commission at the Facility.

**(9) Additional Information:** In the Word template, provide here any additional information needed to ensure that your entries for Site Commissions are full and complete.

## F. Disability Access

This section directs you to provide, on a Facility-by-Facility basis, information regarding any completed calls that utilized the Disability Access services you offer during the Reporting Period. Please enter your responses for items IV.F.(1) through IV.F.(5) in the Excel template, and items IV.F.(6) through IV.F.(8) in the Word template.

**(1) Contract Identifier:** In this column, provide a unique identifier for each contract for the Provider’s provision of ICS that was in effect during the Reporting Period.

**(2) Name of Facilities Covered by Contract :** In this column, for each individual contract listed in response to item IV.F.(1), enter the name of every Facility served under that contract during the Reporting Period.

**(3) Number of Disability-Related Calls:** In this column, list the number of ICS calls made in that Facility during the Reporting Period using TTY-based services.

**(4) Number of Problems Experienced with Disability-Related Calls:** In this column, provide the number of problems the Provider is aware of related to the provision of TTY-based calls during the Reporting Period. These problems could include, for example, dropped calls and calls with poor quality connections.

**(5) TTY Ancillary Service Charges:** The Excel template contains columns for Permissible Ancillary Services and a placeholder column for Other Ancillary Services. Each Ancillary Service column contains four sub-columns, (5)(a)-(5)(d), as described below. Using these sub-columns, you must indicate whether you assessed an Ancillary Service Charge for or in connection with TTY-based calls at the relevant Facility during the Reporting Period and report the jurisdictional nature of the charge, the amount you billed to Consumers, and the total number of times each charge had been assessed. For any Ancillary Service Charges you assessed on Consumers of TTY-based calls that are not listed, use the placeholder column for Other Ancillary Services and change the column name (e.g., Other-Connection Fee) and repeat this column as needed.

**(5)(a) Billed (Yes/No):** In this column, enter “Yes” if you assessed an Ancillary Service Charge to Consumers of TTY-based calls.

**(5)(b)** **Jurisdiction:** In this column, enter “Intrastate only,” “Interstate only,” or “Both,” depending on the jurisdictional nature of the Ancillary Service Charge.

**(5)(c) Amounts Billed for Ancillary Service Charges:** In this column, report the total amount billed to Consumers of TTY-based calls for each type of Ancillary Service Charge that you assessed. If there was no cost to the Consumer, report the amount billed as zero.

**(5)(d) Number of Times Each Charge Has Been Assessed:** In this column, report the total number of times you assessed each Ancillary Service Charge to Consumers of TTY-based calls at each Facility during the Reporting Period. The number must be reported by Facility, not by Consumer, and must be for any amounts billed, not just the maximum amount billed, to Consumers.

**(6) Above Cap Ancillary Service Charges:** If any of your answers for item IV.F.(5)(c), Amounts Billed for Ancillary Service Charges, exceeds the maximum charges permitted under the Commission’s Ancillary Service Charge Rules, explain in detail in the Word template the circumstances surrounding the above cap charges. This explanation shall include, among other relevant information, the circumstances leading to the above cap charges; the total amount of above cap charges; the number of Consumers affected; a breakdown of the above cap charges by type of charge and frequency for each relevant Facility; and a statement as to the extent to which the above cap charges have been refunded to Consumers.

**(7) Allocation of Reported Number:** If a reported number of times each charge has been assessed reflects an allocation of Ancillary Service Charge payments among Facilities, explain in the Word template why an allocation is necessary, provide the methodology used to perform the allocation, and why you chose the particular allocation method.

**(8) Additional Information:** In the Word template, provide here any additional information needed to ensure that your entries for Disability Access are full and complete.

# V. ANNUAL CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

Each Provider of Inmate Calling Services must submit a signed certification form as part of its Mandatory Data Collection response. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Financial Officer (CFO), or other senior executive of the Provider must complete the form and certify that, based the executive’s own reasonable inquiry, that all statements and information contained in the Provider’s Mandatory Data Collection response are true, accurate, and complete. The Certification Form is Appendix C to these Instructions.

**(1) Name of Service Provider:** Provide the name under which the provider offers ICS. If the provider offers ICS under more than one name, provide all relevant names.

**(2) Reporting Years:** Provide the relevant time period for the information the certification covers.

**(3) Officer Name, Title:** Provide the name and title of the officer completing the certification form. The officer must be the CEO, CFO, or other senior executive who can attest to the truthfulness, accuracy, and completeness of the information provided.

**(4) Mailing Address of Officer:** Provide the business mailing address of the officer identified in item V.(3).

**(5) Telephone Number:** Provide the business telephone number, with area code, of the officer identified in item V.(3).

**(6) Email Address:** Provide the business email address of the officer identified in item V.(3).

**(7) Certification:** This item requires the person who signs the certification form on behalf of the service provider to declare, under penalty of perjury, that (1) the signatory is an officer of the above-named service provider and is authorized to submit the attached Mandatory Data Collection response on behalf of the service provider; (2) the signatory has examined the attached Mandatory Data Collection response and determined that all requested information has been provided; and (3) based on information known to the signatory, or provided to the signatory by employees responsible for the information being submitted, and on the signatory’s own reasonable inquiry, all statements and information contained in the provider’s Mandatory Data Collection response are true, accurate, and complete.

**(8) Signature of Authorized Officer:** The signature of the officer identified in item V.(3) is required in this block.

**(9) Date:** The date the officer identified in item V.(3) signs the form is required in this block.

**(10) Printed Name of Authorized Officer:** The printed name of the officer identified in item V.(3) is required in this block.

**APPENDIX A**

The Word template is available at this link: [Appendix A to Annual Report Instructions – Word Template](https://www.fcc.gov/sites/default/files/annual-reporting-form-2301-appendix-a-word-template.docx)

**APPENDIX B**

The Excel template is available at this link: [Appendix B to Annual Report Instructions – Excel Template](https://www.fcc.gov/sites/default/files/annual-reporting-form-2301-appendix-a-excel-template.xlsx)

**APPENDIX C**

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| **Inmate Calling Services Annual Report Certification Form**Please Read Instructions Before Completing (To Be Completed by Service Provider) |
| **1. Name of Service Provider** | **2. Reporting Year** |
| **3. Officer Name, Title**  |
| **4. Mailing Address of Officer  Street Address** |
|  **City State Zip Code** |
| **5. Telephone Number**  |
| **6. Email Address** |
| **7. Certification**  |
| The Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Financial Officer (CFO), or other senior executive with first-hand knowledge of the truthfulness, accuracy, and completeness of the information provided must certify as follows:  I swear under penalty of perjury that:1. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(name and title), am an officer of the above-named service provider and am authorized to submit the attached Annual Report on behalf of the service provider;
2. I have examined the attached Annual Report and all requested information has been provided;
3. Based on information known to me, or provided to me by employees responsible for the information being submitted, and on my own reasonable inquiry, all statements and information contained in the attached Annual Report are true, accurate, and complete; and
4. The above-named service provider is in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission’s rules governing inmate calling services (ICS). I acknowledge that failure to comply with the rules governing ICS may result in civil or criminal prosecution.
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| **8. Signature of Authorized Officer** | **9. Date** |
| **10. Printed Name of Authorized Officer** |

1. *Rates for Inmate Calling Services*, WC Docket No. 12-375, Second Report and Order and Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 30 FCC Rcd 12763 (2015) (*2015 ICS Order*); *see* 47 CFR § 64.6060. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. These instructions and the associated template and certification form consolidate and supplant the instructions and template for earlier iterations of the ICS annual reporting and certification requirements. As discussed below, the proposed template consists of a Word document and Excel spreadsheets. For simplicity, we refer to these respective portions of the template as the Word template and the Excel template. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. *Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services*, WC Docket No. 12-375, Order, 28 FCC Rcd 16954 (WCB 2013) (*Protective Order*); 47 CFR § 0.459(b); *see, e.g., id*. § 0.459(c) (specifying that “[c]asual requests [for confidential treatment] (including simply stamping pages ‘confidential’) . . . will not be considered”); *Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services*, WC Docket No. 12-375, Order, 35 FCC Rcd 9267 (WCB 2020) (*ICS Annual Report Transparency Order*); *Wireline Competition Bureau Reminds Providers of Inmate Calling Services of the April 1, 2021 Deadline for Annual Reports and Certifications*, WC Docket No. 12-375, Public Notice, 36 FCC Rcd 4764 (WCB 2021). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. *ICS Annual Report Transparency Order* at 9267, para. 1. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. *Id.* [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. *See Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services*, WC Docket No. 12-375, Report and Order on Remand and Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 35 FCC Rcd 8485, 8502, 8533, paras. 51, 133 (2020) (*2020 ICS Further Notice*). [↑](#footnote-ref-7)