

INTER-CARRIER COMPENSATION: FROM THE FUNDAMENTALS TO FCC REFORMS

NOVEMBER 8TH | INTRO & FUNDAMENTALS | 11:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

11:30 a.m. – Understanding Telecom Regulation

- The 1934 Communications Act
- The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)
- FCC & State Commissions
- Common Carriers, Telecom Carriers & Information Service Providers
- Tariffs & Interconnection Agreements

12:00 p.m. – The Basics of Switched & Special Access

- Definition of access charges
- Why access charges exist
- Universal Service
- The relationship between access charges and universal service
- Types of access charges (switched versus special access)

12:15 p.m. – Q & A

12:30 p.m. – Switched Access

- Switched access elements
 - Loop elements
 - Switching Elements
 - Transport (direct-trunked versus tandem-switched)

1:00 p.m. – Q & A

1:15 p.m. – Break

1:30 p.m. – Special Access

- Special Access Elements
 - Channel Terminations
 - Channel Mileage
 - Multiplexing
 - Optional Features

Special Access Cont'd.

- Special Access Circuit Types
- Special Access Network Issues

2:00 p.m. – Q & A

2:10 p.m. – ILEC Access Charge Pricing

- Rate of Return Regulation
- Price Cap Regulation
- Intrastate access regulation
- CALLS Plan

2:30 p.m. – CLEC Access Pricing

2:40 p.m. – ILEC Pricing Flexibility

- Origin
- Criteria for obtaining pricing flexibility
- Pricing rules
- ILEC pricing behavior since initiated
- Problems with

3:00 p.m. – Access and the 1996 Telecommunications Act

- Access versus local service and reciprocal compensation
- Tariffs versus Interconnection Agreements
- Classification of VoIP services – common carriers versus information service providers

3:20 p.m. – Q & A

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NOVEMBER 15TH | FCC REFORMS & FUTURE OF ICC | 11:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

11:30 a.m. – Inter-Carrier Compensation Reform

- Connect America Fund
- Problems with carrier-to-carrier charges
- Bill-and-Keep
- FCC's Inter-Carrier Compensation Order

12:15 p.m. – Q & A

12:30 p.m. – Inter-Carrier Compensation Reform Cont'd.

- Future of originating access charges
- Inter-Carrier compensation and the courts
- Future of state regulation
- Access networks in a "Network Edge" environment

1:00 p.m. – Q & A

1:15 p.m. – Break

1:30 p.m. – Ongoing FCC Special Access Investigation & Data Request

- Original AT&T special access complaint
- History of FCC special access investigations
- The current investigation
- Special access data request

2:00 p.m. – Q & A

2:15 p.m. – Issues Related to Moving from Circuit Switched Network to Internet Platform (IP) Network

- Regulation vs. carrier negotiations for interconnection agreements
- Network trials

2:30 p.m. – Net Neutrality

- FCC Net Neutrality Order
- The Verizon appeal
- Current Status

3:00 p.m. – Q & A

3:00 p.m. – The Future of Inter-Carrier Compensation and Telecom Regulation