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### Subpart A—General

#### § 65.1 Application of part 65.

(a) This part establishes procedures and methodologies for Commission prescription of an authorized unitary interstate exchange access rate of return and individual rates of return for the interstate exchange access rates of certain carriers pursuant to § 65.102. This part shall apply to those interstate services of local exchange carriers as the Commission shall designate by rule or order, except that all local exchange carriers shall provide to the Commission that information which the Commission requests for purposes of conducting prescription proceedings pursuant to this part.

(b) Local exchange carriers subject to §§ 61.41 through 61.49 of this chapter are exempt from the requirements of this part with the following exceptions:

(1) Except as otherwise required by Commission order, carriers subject to §§ 61.41 through 61.49 of this chapter shall employ the rate of return value calculated for interstate access services in complying with any applicable rules under parts 36 and 69 that require a return component;

(2) Carriers subject to §§ 61.41 through 61.49 of this chapter shall be subject to § 65.600(d);

(3) Carriers subject to §§ 61.41 through 61.49 of this chapter shall continue to comply with the prescribed rate of return when offering any services specified in § 61.42(f) of this chapter unless the Commission otherwise directs; and

(4) Carriers subject to §§ 61.41 through 61.49 of this chapter shall comply with Commission information requests made pursuant to § 65.1(a).

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### Subpart B—Procedures

#### § 65.100 Participation and acceptance of service designation.

(a) All interstate exchange access carriers, their customers, and any member of the public may participate in rate of return proceedings to deter-

mine the authorized unitary interstate exchange access or individual interstate exchange access rates of return authorized pursuant to § 65.102.

(b) Participants shall state in their initial pleading in a prescription proceeding whether they wish to receive service of documents and other material filed in the proceeding. Participants that wish to receive service by hand on the filing dates when so required by this part 65 shall specify in their initial pleading in a prescription proceeding, as specified in § 65.103 (b) and (c), an agent for acceptance of service by hand in the District of Columbia. The participant may elect in its pleading to receive service by mail or upon an agent at another location. When such an election is made, other participants need not complete service on the filing date, and requests for extension of time due to delays in completion of service will not be entertained.

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#### § 65.101 Initiation of unitary rate of return prescription proceedings.

(a) Whenever the Commission determines that the monthly average yields on ten (10) year United States Treasury securities remain, for a consecutive six (6) month period, at least 150 basis points above or below the average of the monthly average yields in effect for the consecutive six (6) month period immediately prior to the effective date of the current prescription, the Commission shall issue a notice inquiring whether a rate of return prescription according to this part should commence. This notice shall state:

(1) The deadlines for filing initial and reply comments regarding the notice;

(2) The cost of debt, cost of preferred stock, and capital structure computed in accordance with §§ 65.302, 65.303, and 65.304; and

(3) Such other information as the Commission may deem proper.

(b) Based on the information submitted in response to the notice described in § 65.101(a), and on any other information specifically identified, the Commission may issue a notice initiating a prescription proceeding pursuant to this part.