

**Subpart C—Exchange Carriers****§ 65.300 Calculations of the components and weights of the cost of capital.**

(a) Sections 65.301 through 65.303 specify the calculations that are to be performed in computing cost of debt, cost of preferred stock, and financial structure weights for prescription proceedings. The calculations shall determine, where applicable, a composite cost of debt, a composite cost of preferred stock, and a composite financial structure for all local exchange carriers with annual revenues equal to or above the indexed revenue threshold as defined in § 32.9000. The calculations shall be based on data reported to the Commission in FCC Report 43-02. (See 47 CFR 43.21). The results of the calculations shall be used in the prescription proceeding to which they relate unless the record in that proceeding shows that their use would be unreasonable.

(b) Excluded from cost of capital calculations made pursuant to § 65.300 shall be those sources of financing that are not investor supplied, or that are

otherwise subtracted from a carrier's rate base pursuant to Commission orders governing the calculation of net rate base amounts in tariff filings that are made pursuant to section 203 of the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. 203, or that were treated as "zero cost" sources of financing in section 450 and subpart G of this part 65. Specifically excluded are: accounts payable, accrued taxes, accrued interest, dividends payable, deferred credits and operating reserves, deferred taxes and deferred tax credits.

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**§ 65.301 Cost of equity.**

The cost of equity shall be determined in represcription proceedings after giving full consideration to the evidence in the record, including such evidence as the Commission may officially notice.

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**§ 65.302 Cost of debt.**

The formula for determining the cost of debt is equal to:

$$\text{Embedded Cost of Debt} = \frac{\text{Total Annual Interest Expense}}{\text{Average Outstanding Debt}}$$

Where:

"Total Annual Interest Expense" is the total interest expense for the most recent two years for all local exchange carriers with annual revenues equal to or above the indexed revenue threshold as defined in § 32.9000.

"Average Outstanding Debt" is the average of the total debt for the most recent two years for all local exchange carriers with

annual revenues equal to or above the indexed revenue threshold as defined in § 32.9000.

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**§ 65.303 Cost of preferred stock.**

The formula for determining the cost of preferred stock is:

$$\text{Cost of Preferred Stock} = \frac{\text{Total Annual Preferred Dividends}}{\text{Proceeds from the Issuance of Preferred Stock}}$$

Where:

"Total Annual Preferred Dividends" is the total dividends on preferred stock for the most recent two years for all local exchange carriers with annual revenues

equal to or above the indexed revenue threshold as defined in § 32.9000. "Proceeds from the Issuance of Preferred Stock" is the average of the total net proceeds from the issuance of preferred