

## Federal Communications Commission

## § 65.300

(a) The direct case submission of any participant shall not exceed 70 pages in length.

(b) The responsive submission of any participant shall not exceed 70 pages in length.

(c) The rebuttal submission of any participant shall not exceed 50 pages in length.

(d) Petitions for exclusion from unitary treatment shall not exceed 70 pages in length. Oppositions to petitions for exclusion shall not exceed 50 pages in length. Rebuttals shall not exceed 35 pages in length.

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### § 65.105 Discovery.

(a) Participants shall file with each rate of return submission copies of all information, including studies, financial analysts' reports, and any other documents relied upon by participants or their experts in the preparation of their submission. Information filed pursuant to this paragraph for which protection from disclosure is sought shall be filed subject to protective orders which shall be duly granted by the Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, for good cause shown.

(b) Participants may file written interrogatories and requests for documents directed to any rate of return submission and not otherwise filed pursuant to § 65.105(a). The permissible scope of examination is that participants may be examined upon any matter, not privileged, that will demonstrably lead to the production of material, relevant, decisionally significant evidence.

(c) Discovery requests pursuant to § 65.105(b), including written interrogatories, shall be filed within 14 calendar days after the filing of the rate of return submission to which the request is directed. Discovery requests that are not opposed shall be complied with within 14 calendar days of the request date.

(d) Oppositions to discovery requests made pursuant to § 65.105(b), including written interrogatories, shall be filed within 7 calendar days after requests are filed. The Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, shall rule upon any such opposition. Except as stayed by the Commission or a Court, any required

response to a discovery request that is opposed shall be provided within 14 calendar days after release of the ruling of the Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau.

(e) An original and 4 copies of all information described in § 65.105(a) and all requests, oppositions, and responses made pursuant to § 65.105 (a), (b) and (d) shall be filed with the Secretary.

(f) Service of requests, oppositions, and responses made pursuant to § 65.105 (b) and (d) shall be made upon all participants who have filed a designation of service notice pursuant to § 65.100(b). Service of requests upon participants who have filed designation of service notices pursuant to § 65.100(b) shall be made by hand on the filing dates thereof.

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## 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 re-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.

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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.

[60 FR 28545, June 1, 1995, as amended at 67 FR 5702, Feb. 6, 2002]

**§ 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.

[60 FR 28545, June 1, 1995]

**§ 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 year for all local exchange carriers with annual revenues equal to or above the indexed revenue threshold as defined in §32.9000 of this chapter.

“Average Outstanding Debt” is the average of the total debt outstanding at the beginning and at the end of the most recent

year for all local exchange carriers with annual revenues equal to or above the indexed revenue threshold as defined in §32.9000 of this chapter.

[81 FR 24344, Apr. 25, 2016]

**§ 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 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.

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**§ 65.304 Capital structure.**

The proportion of each cost of capital component in the capital structure is equal to:

Proportion in the capital structure =

$$\frac{\text{Book Value of particular component}}{\text{Book Value of Debt} + \text{Book Value of Preferred Stock} + \text{Book Value of Equity}}$$

Where:

“Book Value of particular component” is the total of the book values of that compo-

nent for all local exchange carriers with