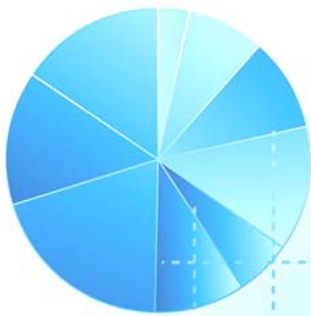


Data Collection System (DCS)

User's Guide to Completing
The Telecom Operating Report



Telecommunications Program
Version 3



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DCS Tips & Resources for Getting Started

- The web address to begin the process of completing your Telecom Operating Report is: <https://dcs.sc.egov.usda.gov/>. Use the Internet Explorer browser to complete this online process. You will need to temporarily enable pop-ups when using our site to create a New Operating Report for 2008.
- **The deadline for completing your Operating Report for 2008 is March 31, 2009.** If you have **specific** questions regarding the **filing deadline** and/or inquiries as to whether you are **required to file**, please contact Roland Woodfolk at (202) 720-0860 or Richard Anderson at (202) 720-0733.
- To access the DCS website, after you have been added to the system, you must use the EAuthentication account ID that you set up. If you attempt to login to the DCS site and the login fails, please recheck the login information for accuracy. If you are still unable to login, you may need to reset your password online by answering the security questions that are provided in order to gain access to the system. If you are having difficulty in resetting your password, your account is disabled due to inactivity, or your access is denied, please contact the ITS support center. The ITS telephone number is 1-800-457-3642. Listen to the main menu information and navigate through the greeting prompts shown below.
- Generally, the role of the user is to enter the company's financial data, run checks for completeness of the data, enter notes on special items, and notify the company's Certifier that the data is ready for his or her review and that the data will need to be certified and officially submitted online.
- ***If you are the designated "Certifier" and/or "Security Administrator" and you want to enter financial data, you must also be assigned the role of user as well. You may call the Telecom contacts for DCS listed below.***

Resources

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| DCS Site for Submitting a Report | https://dcs.sc.egov.usda.gov/ |
| DCS Information Update Site: | http://www.usda.gov/rus/dcs (Other Guides are available including instructions for the Security Administrator and Certifier) |
| Finding Your General Field Representative: | http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/staff/qfr-state-list.htm |
| USDA RD Telecom DCS Questions Contact: | <p>NORTHERN DIVISION Nicole Antoine (202) 720-0733 nicole.antoine@wdc.usda.gov John Moorehead (202) 720-0733 john.moorehead@wdc.usda.gov</p> <p>SOUTHERN DIVISION Mary Edwards (202) 720-0800 mary.edwards@wdc.usda.gov Chearice Vaughn (202) 720-0800 chearice.vaughn@wdc.usda.gov</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you enter voicemail, please state your name and telephone number clearly in a detailed message. <p>You can also Email: karen.priestly@wdc.usda.gov</p> |

DCS Roles Defined

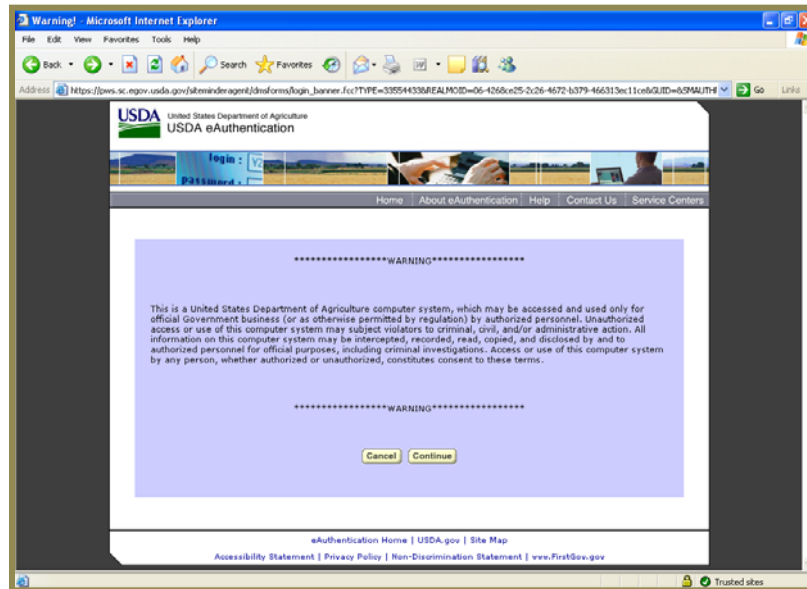
The Certifier is the person who is authorized to certify that a company's operating report is complete and accurate and that all obligations have been met. For Telecommunications Program borrowers, this person must be either the manager or an officer of the company. The Certifier role for a company will be assigned by a USDA employee to the person designated on Form 674; that person must have already received a Level 2 eAuthentication account before the role can be assigned.

The Security Administrator is the employee who is authorized to assign the roles of User or Reader to employees or others who need access to a company's data on DCS. Just like the Certifier, the Security Administrator role for a company will be assigned by a USDA employee to the person designated on Form 674; that person must have already received a Level 2 eAuthentication account before the role can be assigned. The Security Administrator is responsible for ensuring that user and reader roles are updated in the system as necessary.

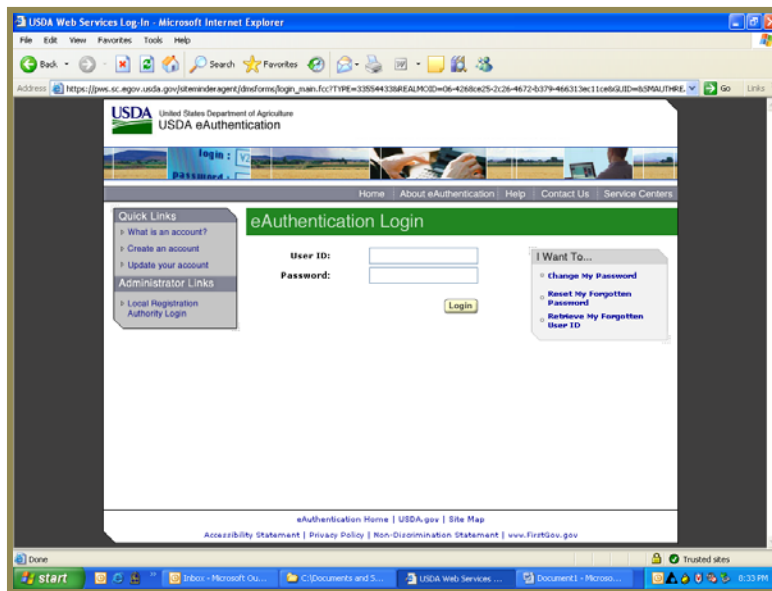
Users and Readers may include company employees as well as employees of an accounting firm, or other consultants that may complete the report. Employees or consultants who will work on a company's report will be assigned roles as Users or Readers by the Security Administrator; however, they must first receive Level 2 eAuthentication accounts before the roles can be assigned.

Getting Started: Logging into the System

If you have been designated a user and have your user name and password ready, you may begin the process of completing your 2008 Operating Report by using Internet Explorer to navigate to <https://dcs.sc.egov.usda.gov>. Your browser screen will be similar to the screen shot shown below:



Click “Continue” to advance to the eAuthentication Login screen:

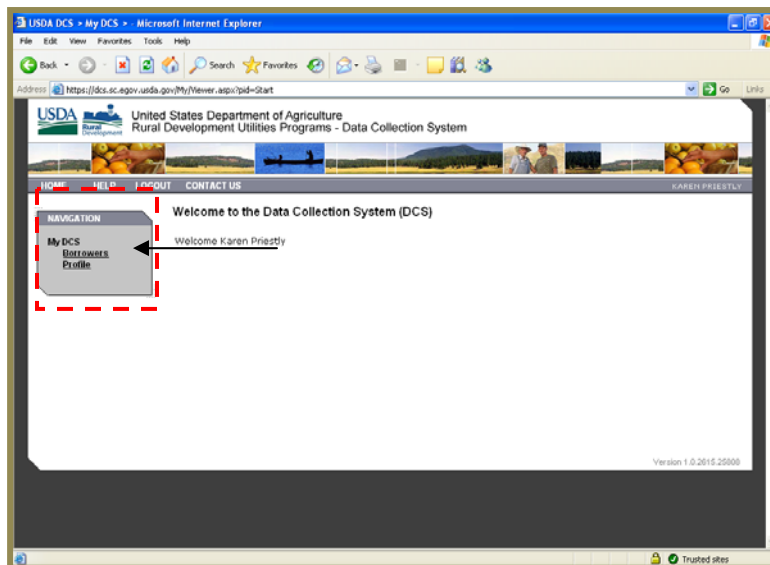


Type in your eAuth ID user ID and your eAuth password.

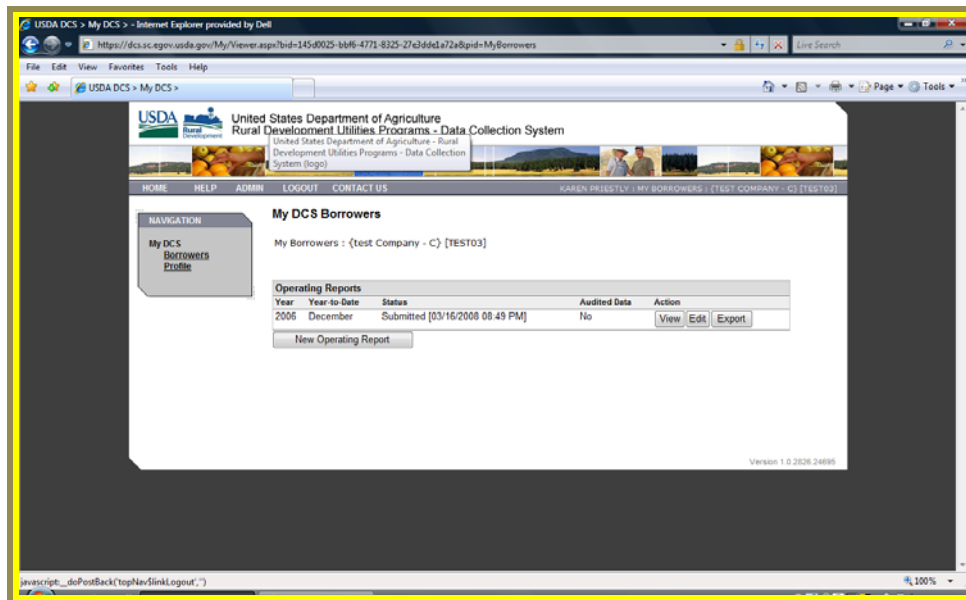
Note: If you attempt to log in and see a message indicating that you have not been added to the DCS System, you will need to refer to the **DCS Tips and Resources for Getting Started** section of this guide.

Getting Started: Creating a 2008 Operating Report

As a user of the system, you will see the home screen shown below.



Inside the Navigation box on the left of your screen, click on the Borrowers link and you will navigate to your DCS Borrower's page, where you will see your borrower's previous year reports. Users will have the option of editing and resubmitting the previous three annual reports. Users who are completing a report for more than one company will see more than one company listed in this area.



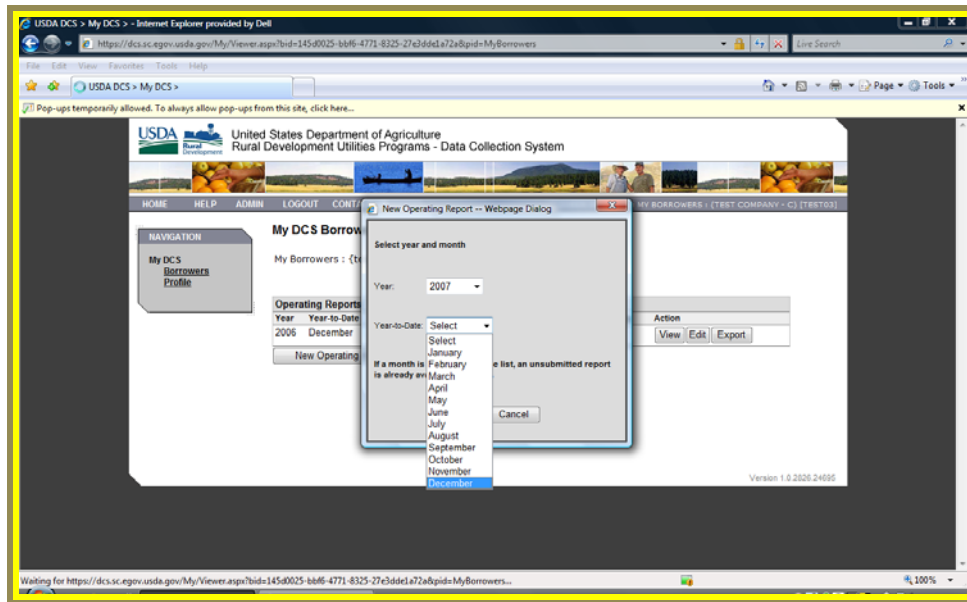
To create a 2008 Operating Report you will need to click the New Operating Report command button shown at the bottom of your list of reports.

New Operating Report

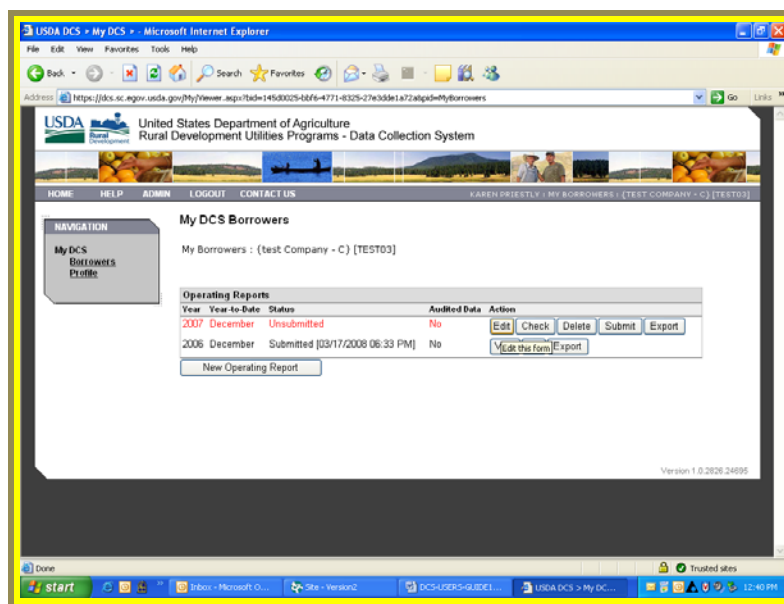
If you do not see a New Operating Report command button, then you will need to contact the main DCS telephone support number.

Getting Started: Creating a 2008 Operating Report (Cont'd)

A dialog box will appear asking you to specify a year (2008) and a month (December) for annual reports. Note: If the dialog box does not appear as shown below, you may have a pop-up blocker in place and you may want to **temporarily** allow this window to create a new report.

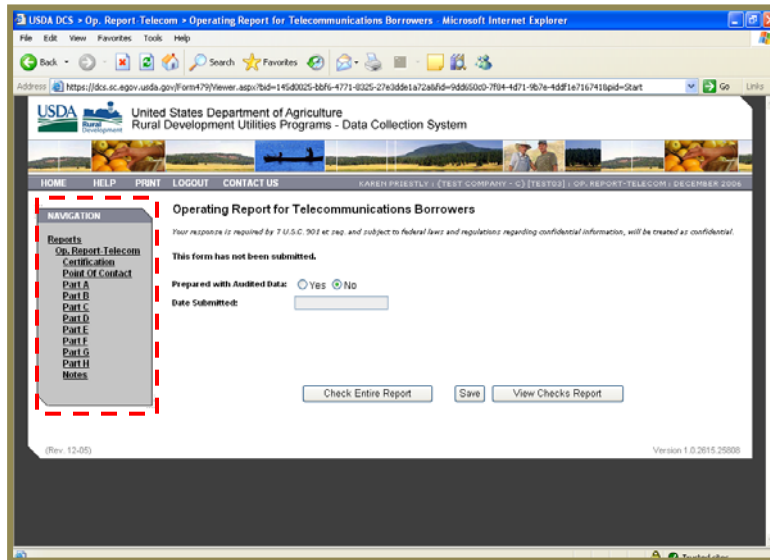


Once you have successfully created a new 2008 Operating Report, you will see a new line in red for 2008. It is considered unsubmitted until the report is completed in full and your Certifier verifies the data and officially submits the report. To begin the process of entering data for 2008, you can now click the Edit command button for the 2008 line item. To edit previous years' reports, up to the previous three years, you can click the Edit button for any of these years. Any edits to previous reports require that year to be certified and resubmitted. Annual data for 2008 cannot be submitted at this time.

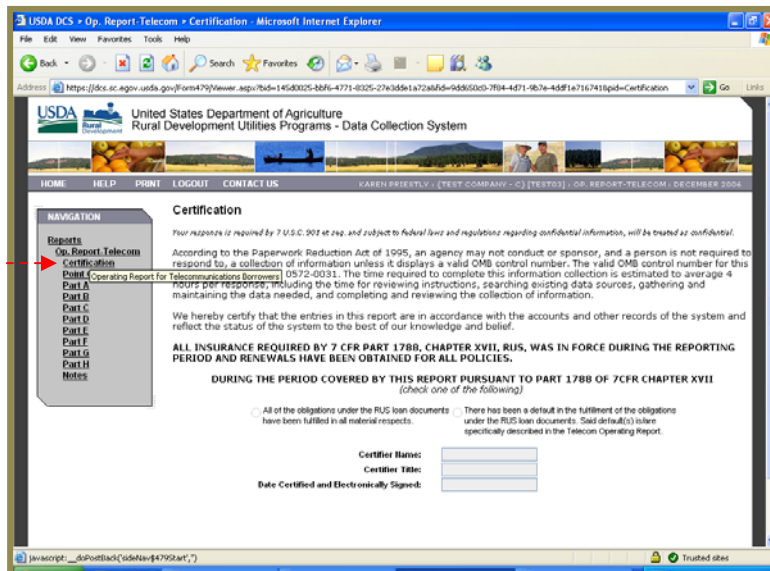


Inside the 2008 Operating Report

When inside the Operating Report, you will be on the status page of the report. The status page shows if the report has been submitted and, if so, the date it was submitted. For newly created reports, this information will be blank.



Using the subsequent links inside the left Navigation box, you can navigate to the Certification page that will be completed by the company's Certifier. It will be gray for general users of the system and available for use by the Certifier only. This page will be used by the Certifier after all of the data for the submission has been entered.



Inside the 2008 Operating Report (Cont'd)

Next is the Borrower Point of Contact Information page which should be updated by the user who is entering data into the system for the company. This data cannot be entered by the Certifier. This user will be able to answer questions about the data entered.

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "USDA DCS - Op. Report-Telecom - Borrower Point Of Contact Information - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The address bar shows a URL from the USDA website. The page header includes the USDA logo and the text "United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Utilities Programs - Data Collection System". A navigation menu on the left lists "Reports", "Op. Report-Telecom", "Certification", "Point Of Contact", "PART A", "PART B", "PART C", "PART D", "PART E", "PART F", "PART G", "PART H", and "Notes". A red dashed arrow points to the "Point Of Contact" link in the navigation menu. The main content area is titled "Borrower Point Of Contact Information" and contains a form with the following fields: "Contact Name *" (with "Karen Priestly" entered), "Phone Number *" (with "eg. 999-999-9999" as a hint), "Phone Extension", "Email Address *", "Confirm Email Address *", and "Special Notes". A "Complete Submission" button is located at the bottom right of the form. A disclaimer at the top of the form states: "Your response is required by 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq. and subject to Federal laws and regulations regarding confidential information, will be treated as confidential." The browser's status bar at the bottom shows "Trusted sites".

The next links in the left Navigation box are the Operating Report Parts A – H along with a section for special notes.

Completing the Operating Report – Parts A-H & Notes

Part A - Balance Sheet

If you are a returning borrower, you will notice in Part A that your 2007 figures will appear in the Balance Prior Year column. Any 2007 data shown cannot be edited here. To edit 2007 data, you must go to the report listing and select the years to edit. If you are a new borrower, this part of the form will appear blank. In addition to checking one of the obligation boxes at the beginning of Part A, you will need to complete lines items 1 – 59 and your Total Equity will then appear.

Quick Edit Tips

- Do not enter zeros for line items. If you leave the line item blank, this will automatically be calculated at zero.
- Save your work often by clicking the Save button at the bottom.
- To advance to another part of the form, remember to save the work completed on the current part and click Next. **DO NOT USE THE BACK BUTTON.**
- You may refer to Bulletin 1744-2 for line item definitions.
- Go to sample Part A.

Part B - Statements of Income and Retained Earnings or Margins

If you are a returning borrower, you will notice in Part B that your 2007 figures will appear in the Prior Year column. Any 2007 data shown cannot be edited here. To edit 2007 data, you must go to the report listing and select the years to edit. If you are a new borrower, this form will appear blank.

Complete data for line items 1 – 48.

Quick Edit Tips

- Do not enter zeros for line items. If you leave the line item blank, this will automatically be calculated at zero.
- Save your work often by clicking the Save button at the bottom.
- To advance to another part of the form, remember to save the work completed on the current part and click Next. **DO NOT USE THE BACK BUTTON.**
- You may refer to Bulletin 1744-2 for line item definitions.
- Go to sample Part B.

Part C - Subscriber (Access Line), Route Mile, & High Speed Data Information

Add your Subscriber data per exchange by clicking the Add New Exchange button. A blank line will be inserted under the Mobile Wireless and Route Mileage line. Double-click the blank line to complete the data form.

Quick Edit Tips

- To advance to another part of the form, remember to save the work completed on the current part and then click Next. **DO NOT USE THE BACK BUTTON.**
- You may refer to amended Part C comments in Appendix A.
- Go to sample Part C.

Completing the Operating Report – Parts A-H & Notes (Cont'd)

Part D - System Data

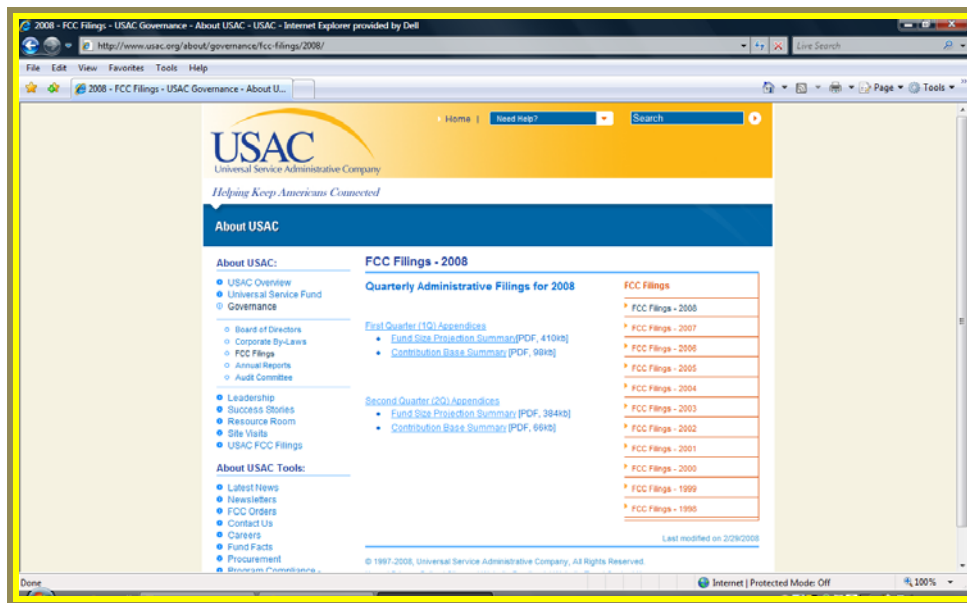
Complete line items 1 – 5.

Quick Edit Tips

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- To advance to another part of the form, remember to save the work completed on the current part and click Next. **DO NOT USE THE BACK BUTTON.**
- You may refer to Bulletin 1744-2 for line item definitions.
- Go to sample Part D.

Part E - Toll Data

Complete your Toll Data by clicking the Add a New Row button. To complete Toll Data, refer to <http://www.usac.org>.



For specific Toll Data questions, you may contact John Huslig at (202) 690-4493 or email him with questions at john.huslig@wdc.usda.gov.

Quick Edit Tips

- Save your work often by clicking the Save button at the bottom.
- To advance to another part of the form, remember to save the work completed on the current part and click Next. **DO NOT USE THE BACK BUTTON.**
- Go to sample Part E.

Completing the Operating Report – Parts A-H & Notes (Cont'd)

Part F - Funds Invested In Plant During Year

Complete line items 1 - 8.

↻ Quick Edit Tips

- Save your work often by clicking the Save button at the bottom.
- To advance to another part of the form, remember to save the work completed on the current part and click Next. **DO NOT USE THE BACK BUTTON.**
- You may refer to Bulletin 1744-2 for line item definitions.
- Go to sample Part F.

Part G - Investments in Affiliated Companies

Complete line items 1-2.

↻ Quick Edit Tips

- Save your work often by clicking the Save button at the bottom.
- To advance to another part of the form, remember to save the work completed on the current part and click Next. **DO NOT USE THE BACK BUTTON.**
- You may refer to Bulletin 1744-2 for line item definitions.
- Go to sample Part G.

Part H - Current Depreciation Rates

Check whether your Corporation's depreciation rates are approved by the regulatory authority with jurisdiction over the provision of telephone services. Complete line items 1 - 26.

↻ Quick Edit Tips

- Save your work often by clicking the Save button at the bottom.
- To advance to another part of the form, remember to save the work completed on the current part and click Next. **DO NOT USE THE BACK BUTTON.**
- You may refer to Bulletin 1744-2 for line item definitions.
- Go to sample Part H.

Notes to the Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers

Provide any necessary explanations here. Cite part and line item numbers for quick referencing.


↻ Quick Edit Tips

- Save your work often by clicking the Save button at the bottom.

Completing the Operating Report – Running Checks

Run Checks by Part or Check Entire Report

Report checks can be run by part or for the entire report. The Run Checks button is found at the bottom of each part of the report. Errors found will be displayed in red and must be corrected. Warnings must be explained by clicking the Add button to the right of the Warning item.



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KAREN PRIESTLY : (TEST COMPANY - C) (TEST03) : OP. REPORT-TELECOM : DECEMBER 2006

Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers

Your response is required by 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq. and subject to federal laws and regulations regarding confidential information, will be treated as confidential.

This form has not been submitted.

Prepared with Audited Data: Yes No

Date Submitted:

All errors must be corrected and all warnings must be explained before the form can be submitted for review.

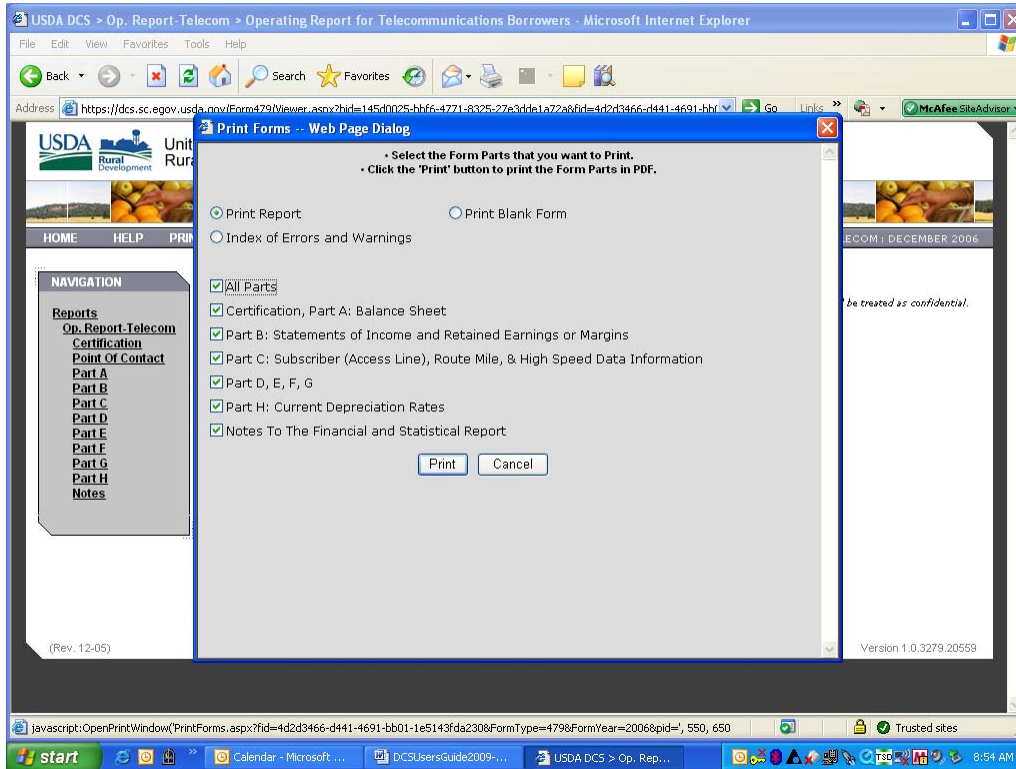
| Part A: Balance Sheet | | |
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| Type | Check Key | Description |
| ▼ | 20 | "Line 1. Cash and Equivalents End of Period" [empty] is generally greater than 0 (zero). Add |
| ▼ | 80 | "Line 10. Total Current Assets End of Period" [empty] is generally greater than 0 (zero). Add |
| ▼ | 100 | "Line 17. Total Noncurrent Assets End of Period" [empty] is generally greater than 0 (zero). Add |
| ▼ | 120 | "Line 18. Telecom. Plant-in-Service End of Period" [empty] must be greater than 0 (zero). If not, you will not be able to file the Telecom Operating Report. Add |
| ▼ | 220 | "Line 23. Net Report." Add |
| ▼ | 240 | "Line 24. Total Operating Re..." Add |
| ▼ | 280 | "Line 29. Current Mat. L/T Debt End of Period" [empty] is generally greater than 0 (zero). Add |
| ▼ | 340 | "Line 35. Total Current Liabilities End of Period" [0] is generally greater than 0 (zero). Add |
| ▼ | 480 | "Line 46. Total Long-Term Debt End of Period" [empty] is generally greater than 0 (zero). Add |
| ▼ | 630 | "Line 56. Patronage Capital Credits End of Period" [empty] is generally greater than 0 (zero) for Cooperatives. Add |
| ▼ | 720 | "Line 59. Total Liabilities and Equity End of Period" [0] is generally greater than 0 (zero). Add |
| Part B: Statements of Income and Retained Earnings or Margins | | |
| Type | Check Key | Description |
| ▼ | 770 | "Line 1. Local Network Services Revenues This Year" [empty] is generally greater than 0 (zero). Add |
| ▼ | 790 | "Line 7. Net Operating Revenues This Year" [empty] is generally greater than 0 (zero). Add |
| ▼ | 910 | "Line 14. Total Operating Expenses This Year" [empty] is generally greater than 0 (zero). Add |
| ▼ | 950 | "Line 20. Total Operating Taxes This Year" [empty] is generally greater than 0 (zero). Add |
| ▼ | 990 | "Line 26. Total Fixed Charges This Year" [empty] is generally greater than 0 (zero). Add |
| ▼ | 1010 | "Line 31. Total Net Income or Margins This Year" [empty] is generally greater than 0 (zero). Explain the reasons for the net loss. Add |
| ▼ | 1210 | "Line 44. Annual Debt Service Payments This Year" [empty] is generally greater than 0 (zero). Add |
| Part C: Subscriber (Access Line), Route Mile, & High Speed Data Information | | |
| Type | Check Key | Description |
| ▼ | 1250 | The total number of exchanges for your organization should be entered here and must be greater than zero. If not, you will not be able to file the Telecom Operating Report. Add |
| Part D: System Data | | |
| Type | Check Key | Description |
| No Errors or Warnings | | |
| Part E: Toll Data | | |
| Type | Check Key | Description |
| No Errors or Warnings | | |
| Part F: Funds Invested In Plant During Year | | |
| Type | Check Key | Description |
| ▼ | 1500 | "Line 8. Gross Additions to Telecom. Plant (1 thru 7)" [empty] is generally greater than zero. Add |
| Part G: Investments In Affiliated Companies | | |
| Type | Check Key | Description |
| No Errors or Warnings | | |
| Part H: Current Depreciation Rates | | |
| Type | Check Key | Description |
| ▼ | 1780 | Question at beginning of Part H. You must answer either Yes or No to this question. If not, you will not be able to file the Telecom Operating Report. Add |
| Cross Checks | | |
| Type | Check Key | Description |
| No Errors or Warnings | | |

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Printing Your Report

To print your completed report, click the Print menu option in the horizontal menu. In addition to printing “All Parts”, you can also print a blank form, an Index of Errors and Warnings and selected parts of the form. The output format for printing is an Adobe PDF file. The file can be saved electronically.



Remember

- Please remember to complete the Point of Contact information page when you have prepared the report for certification.

Next Step for the User and Certifier

The next step for the user is to confirm that all errors have been corrected and that explanations for warnings have been provided. Also, the user must ensure that the Point of Contact Information is complete and then inform the Certifier that the report is available for review and submission.

The Certifier is required to log into the DCS system and select whether all of the obligations have been met or there has been a default. Finally, the Certifier must click the Certify button and click the Save button.

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Address: https://dcs.sc.egov.usda.gov/Form79/Viewer.aspx?tab=145d3025-6b6e-4771-8325-27e335e1a72ab&id=9d950d-7f84-4d71-9d7e-48f1e716741&pd=Certification

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According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0572-0031. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 4 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ALL INSURANCE REQUIRED BY 7 CFR PART 178B, CHAPTER XVII, RUS, WAS IN FORCE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND RENEWALS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FOR ALL POLICIES.

DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT PURSUANT TO PART 178B OF 7CFR CHAPTER XVII
(check one of the following)

All of the obligations under the RUS loan documents have been fulfilled in all material respects. There has been a default in the fulfillment of the obligations under the RUS loan documents. Said default(s) is/are specifically described in the Telecom Operating Report.

Certifier Name: Karen Priestly
Certifier Title:
Date Certified and Electronically Signed:

Certify Uncertify

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The signature dialog box will appear, providing the Certifier the option to electronically sign the form.

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Address: https://dcs.sc.egov.usda.gov/Form79/Viewer.aspx?tab=145d3025-6b6e-4771-8325-27e335e1a72ab&id=9d950d-7f84-4d71-9d7e-48f1e716741&pd=Certification

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Certifier Name: Karen Priestly
Certifier Title:
Date Certified and Electronically Signed:

Certify Uncertify

Confirmation Message - Web Page Dialog

You are hereby providing your electronic signature and, by so doing, are certifying that the above statements are true and that you are in effect signing the form as complete and accurate to the best of your knowledge.

I want to electronically sign the form I do not want to electronically sign the form

Save

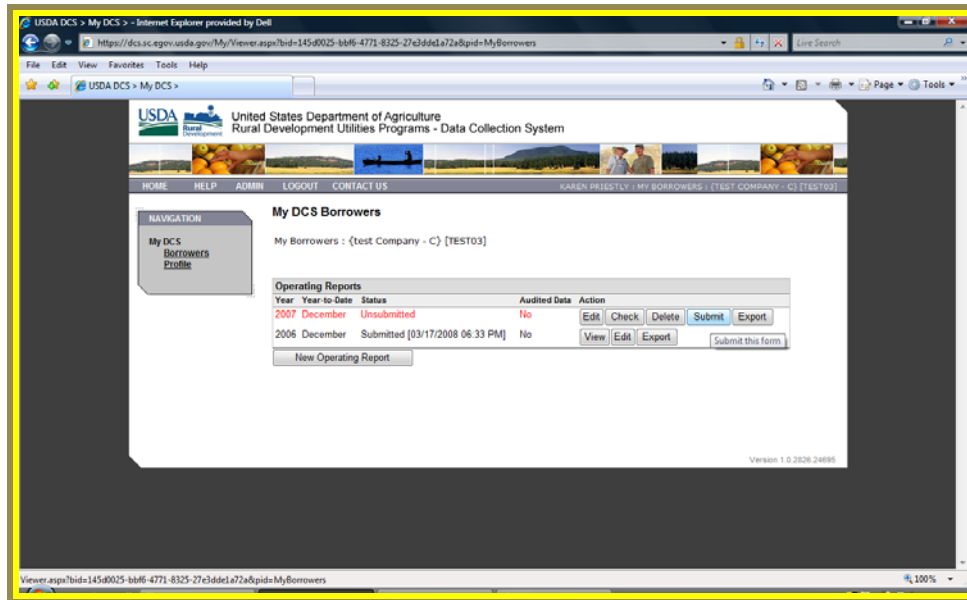
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The Certifier will then need to click the Reports link inside the Navigation box, and in the list of reports there is a submit report button for 2008. Refer to the screen shot on the next page.

Final Certification Steps



⇒ Quick Certification Tips

- All errors and warnings must be corrected or explained before the Certifier can submit the report.
- The Certifier must select the appropriate Obligations statement.
- Click Certify.
- Click Save.
- Electronically sign the form.
- Go to the Reports list and click the Submit button for the 2008 report.
- If you have been editing data from prior years, you must also certify and submit the report in the same manner.

⇒ Common Errors While Attempting to Certify

- The Point of Contact must be completed by the individual who entered your financial data. This person is the primary contact we use, if we have questions regarding your financial data. You will not be able to certify your report until this is completed.

Appendix A – Part C Amended

Amended Part C Comments

Part C is divided into four sections:

1. Rates, 2. Subscribers (Access Lines), 3. Route Miles and 4. Broadband Service with subheadings over columns for local rates, subscriber data, route mileage information and broadband service information. Each column has been lettered (i.e., (a), (b), (c), etc.) for reference purposes. When using the electronic form, exchange data may be entered continuously up to the maximum number of lines provided. Continuation sheets will be generated as needed when printing. Regardless of the number of exchanges, the totals for all exchanges will be shown on the Total line on page 3. The information to be included in Part C should be that shown in the records of the borrower at the end of the period.

EXCHANGE:

Insert the name of each exchange. Use abbreviations where necessary. Do not use an exchange dial prefix.

Section 1. Rates

Column 1(a). B-1, Rates:

Insert, by exchange, the average local service rate for one-party business subscribers.

Column 1(b). R-1, Rates:

Insert, by exchange, the average local service rate for one-party residential subscribers.

Section 2. Subscriber (Access Line) Data:

Subscriber is defined by RUS to mean the same as Access Line. Access Line means a transmission path between user terminal equipment and a switching center that is used for local exchange service. This definition should be used for reporting the following subscriber data.

Column 2(a). Business:

Insert, by exchange, the number of business subscribers. PBX trunks and Key lines should also be included here.

Column 2(b). Residential:

Insert, by exchange, the number of residential subscribers.

Column 2(c). Total

Insert, by exchange, the total number of subscribers (sum of columns 2(a) and 2(b)). If applicable, insert the total number of mobile wireless subscribers served on the line which has the words "Mobile Wireless" entered in place of an exchange name. Include mobile subscribers served by cellular, PCS, or any other means in this figure; do not include any fixed wireless subscribers as mobile subscribers.

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Section 3. Route Mile Data:

Column 3(a). ROUTE MILES, TOTAL (INCLUDING FIBER)

Insert the total number of route miles (to the nearest mile) of operating plant facilities including drop wire in the exchange. One route mile may consist of:

1. One mile of roadway with any combination of outside plant facilities on any number of rights-of-way.
2. One mile of a cross-country route with any combination of outside plant facilities.
3. One mile of point-to-point microwave or radio link.
4. One mile of plant on either side of a limited access highway or natural barrier such as a navigable waterway.
5. One mile of joint use line where the borrower either owns the facility or leases space.

Column 3(b). ROUTE MILES, FIBER

Insert the total number of route miles (to the nearest mile) in the exchange served by fiber facilities. This figure is included in the total route mile figure in column 3(a).

PLEASE NOTE: A line has also been provided for recording total route miles of line OUTSIDE exchange areas. These miles will be included in the TOTAL for the system.

Section 4. Broadband Services Data

Note: In columns (a) through (g), include the number of broadband subscribers, upload and download speeds, price per month, and type of affiliated ISP offering broadband services that substantially use borrower-owned facilities to provide the broadband service to end-users. Please provide a notation in the report regarding the extent that reported broadband services are provided by affiliated or non-affiliated companies.

Column 4(a). No. Access lines with Broadband available

Insert the total number of access lines in the exchange on which broadband service is available for subscription. Normally, this number will not exceed the total subscribers reported in Part C, Column 2(c).

Column 4(b). No. of Broadband Subscribers

Insert the total number of broadband subscribers in the exchange. To the extent the information is known by the borrower, report the number of broadband subscribers served by any affiliated or non-affiliated ISP offering broadband services that substantially use borrower-owned facilities to provide the broadband service to end-users.

NOTE: Insert in Columns (c) through (g) only information relating to Details on the Least Expensive Broadband Service offered.

Column 4(c). No. of Subscribers

Insert the number of subscribers to the least expensive broadband service offered in the exchange.

Column 4(d). Advertised Download Rate (Kbps)

Select the advertised download speed from the dropdown table that most closely matches the download speed of the least expensive service offered.

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Column 4(e). Advertised Upload Rate (Kbps)

Select the advertised upload speed from the dropdown table that most closely matches the upload speed of the least expensive service offered.

Column 4(f). Standalone/Package

Select from the dropdown table to indicate whether the least expensive service offered is either a standalone or packaged service. Packaged broadband services are those only available at the specified price if the broadband customer also subscribes to voice-grade telephone service. Examples of packaged services are DSL with voice-grade service and wholesale line-shared DSL. Standalone broadband services are those services that do not require subscription to telephone service as a condition of receiving the broadband service. Examples of standalone services are T-1s, dedicated line SDSL, naked DSL, coax cable modem service, fiber-based data services without voice, and broadband over powerline.

Column 4(g). Type of Technology

Select from the dropdown table the most predominant technology subscribed to as the least expensive broadband service in the exchange. If multiple technologies are used to provide the least expensive service, report in the notes section the alternate technologies deployed in each exchange.