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Re: ACTA Solicits Recommendations on FIC/SOC Codes

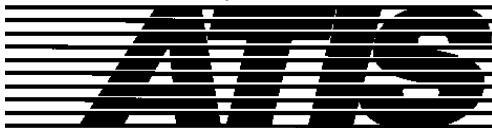
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Dear Jimmy:

Thank you for your letter of April 24, 2003, requesting T1M1 recommendations on the use of Facility Interface Codes and Service Order Codes with regard to ACTA Database Listing Requirements. We also appreciate the opportunity to work with you and other ACTA representatives in two T1M1.3 conference calls, June 5 and June 12, 2003, documented in T1M1.3 meeting report T1M1.3/2003-019R1. This joint meeting provided T1M1.3 representatives a better understanding of ACTA and ACTA Database Listing Requirements, providing us information to address your concerns.

Several points of agreement were reached in the meeting(s) that we now include in our response to your request.

1. The ACTA Database Listing Requirements would be best met with an English language menu of equipment interface characteristics, where one or more specific values for each characteristic could be selected, or the characteristic could be left with a default value. A job aid type form or pull-down menu on a computer screen would provide the user-friendly support needed in completing the Telephone Terminal Equipment (TTE) Submission Form to the ACTA Database.
2. Other than expressing old codes as a convenience, there would be no mapping of codes to the new menu of equipment characteristics and values. Mechanized use of this information is not envisioned.
3. Familiar codes such as FICs and SOC's could be used in addition to the new scheme during a transition period. If multiple functions are provided by having multiple selection options for a Telephone Terminal Equipment (TTE) characteristic, a FIC (NCI) should be shown for each function.
4. It was agreed that the ACTA would work up a proposal for the TTE Submission Form after receiving this T1M1 response to the ACTA request.
5. T1M1 also supports the need for ACTA to provide the means for conversion from the old to the new format, with associated guidelines.

6. T1M1 requests an opportunity to review the ACTA Database Listing Requirements proposal, especially if there should be any reference to FIC/NCI.
7. After review of the ACTA proposal, T1M1 would be pleased to propose suggestions for equipment labels and printed user instructions related to the new ACTA Database Listing Requirements.

Thank you for this opportunity to assist the ACTA in addressing this industry requirement. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns – please contact me.

Best regards,

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