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Via Email
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Re: ATIS NRSC Recommendations for DIRS User Manual (Version 4) and DIRS Online System

Dear Jeff:

On behalf of its Network Reliability Steering Committee (NRSC), the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) is writing to provide recommendations for changes to the DIRS User Manual (Version 4, June 2013) in order to align the manual with what is currently contained in the Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS). The attachment contains a markup version of the NRSC recommendations to the DIRS User Manual.

In addition to these recommendations, the NRSC also recommends a modification to the DIRS Online System. The NRSC notes that there is an inconsistency between the online system and the manual regarding the COMMON LANGUAGE Location Identifier (CLLI) code. The online field currently reads “CLLI of Switch” while the DIRS User Manual, Section 3 field is labeled “CLLI of Switch/Geographic Area”. To resolve this inconsistency, the NRSC recommends adding “/Geographic Area” to the DIRS online system.

Thank you for your consideration of these items. Please contact me if additional information is necessary.

Sincerely,

Thomas Goode
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