

## LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - **All Filers Are Required To Complete This Page**

1. Registrant Name:

**US TELECOM ASSN**

2. Address:

1401 H ST NW #600, WASHINGTON, DC 20005

3. Principal place of business (if different from line 2):

4. Contact Name: EDWARD A. MERLIS

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Senate ID #: 38847-12

House ID #:

7. Client Name: ☒ Self

## TYPE OF REPORT

8. Year 2006 Midyear (January 1 - June 30): ☐ **OR** Year End (July 1 - December 31): ☒

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report: ☐

10. Check if this is a Termination Report: ☐ => Termination Date: 11. No Lobbying Activity: ☐

## INCOME OR EXPENSES

Complete Either Line 12 **OR** Line 13

### 12. Lobbying Firms

**INCOME** relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:

Less than \$10,000: ☐

\$10,000 or more: ☐ => Income (nearest \$20,000): \_\_\_\_\_

Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).

### 13. Organizations

**EXPENSES** relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:

Less than \$10,000: ☐

\$10,000 or more: ☒ => Expenses (nearest \$20,000): 3,100,000.00

### 14. Reporting Method.

Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.

☒ **Method A.** Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only

☐ **Method B.** Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code

☐ **Method C.** Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code

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## LOBBYING ACTIVITY

Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code: BUD (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

H.R. 5672 - Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2007 H.J. Res. 100 - Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes H.J. Res. 102 - Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes H.R. 5384 - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2007 H.R. 5427 - Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 2007 H.R. 5631 - 1st Continuing Resolution for FY07 (with FY07 Defense Appropriations Act)

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted:  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area:

Name: DEERE, BILL  
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A  
Name: DELIA, ANDY  
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A  
Name: HEINER, BRANDON  
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A  
Name: HIGHFILL, CLINTON  
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A  
Name: MCCORMICK, WALTER B. JR.  
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A  
Name: MERLIS, EDWARD  
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A  
Name: VERSAGGI, SARAH  
Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above. **None**

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15. General issue area code: TAX (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues:

H.R. 4297 - Tax Budget Reconciliation Act of 2005 H.R. 6111 - Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006 H.R. 6242 - Withholding Tax Relief Act of 2006 S. 420 - Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act of 2005 S. 627 - Investment in America Act of 2005 S. 849 - Internet Tax Nondiscrimination Act S. 1321 - Telephone Excise Tax Repeal and Taxpayer Protection and Assistance Act of 2006 S. 1524 - Repeals the termination date in the Jobs Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 S. 2020 - Tax Relief Act of 2005 S. 2152 - Sales Tax Fairness and Simplification Act S. 2821 - Withholding Tax Relief Act of 2006 H.R. 8 - Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act of 2005 H.R. 809 - To make permanent the individual income tax rates for capital gains and dividends H.R. 1736 - Investment in America Act of 2005 H.R. 1898 - Telephone Excise Tax Repeal Act of 2005

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Name: HIGHFILL, CLINTON

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: HURLEY-GRAVES, CAROLINE

Covered Official Position (if applicable): N/A

Name: MCCORMICK, WALTER B. JR.

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H.R. 2533 - to exempt universal service funds from the Anti-Deficiency Act H.R. 2726 -Preserving Innovation in Telecom Act of 2005 H.R. 3146 -Video Choice Act of 2005 H.R. 3997 -Financial Data Protection Act of 2006 H.R. 4127 -Data Accountability and Trust Act (DATA) H.R. 4709 -Telephone Records and Privacy Protection Act of 2006 H.R. 4943 -Prevention of Fraudulent Access to Phone Records Act H.R. 5072 -Universal Service Reform Act of 2006 H.R. 5126 -Truth in Caller ID Act of 2006 H.R. 5252 -Advanced Telecommunications and Opportunities Reform Act or the Communications Act of 2006 H.R. 5273 -Network Neutrality Act of 2006 H.R. 5304 -Preventing Harassment through Outbound Number Enforcement Act H.R. 5417 -Internet Freedom and Nondiscrimination Act of 2006 S. 241 - to exempt universal service funds from the Anti-Deficiency Act S. 284 - Rural Universal Service Equity Act of 2005 S. 1063 -IP-Enabled Voice Communications and Public Safety Act of 2005 S. 1294 -Community Broadband Act of 2005 S. 1326 -Notification of Risk to Personal Data Act S. 1349 -Video Choice Act of 2005 S. 1504 -Broadband Investment and Consumer Choice Act S. 1583 -Universal Service for the 21st Century Act S. 1608 -SAFE Web Act S. 1789 -Personal Data Privacy and Security Act of 2005 S. 2113 -Digital Age Communications Act of 2005 S. 2178 -Consumer Telephone Records Protection Act of 2006 S. 2256 -Internet and Universal Service Act of 2006 S. 2389 -Protecting Consumer Phone Records Act S. 2630 -Truth in Caller ID Act of 2006 S. 2686 -Communications, Consumers Choice, and Broadband Deployment Act of 2006 S. 2917 -Internet Freedom Preservation Act H.R. 29 - Securely Protect Yourself Against Cyber Trespass Act or Spy Act H.R. 310 - Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2005 H.R. 744 - Internet Spyware (I-SPY) Prevention Act of 2005 H.R. 2418 - IP-Enabled Voice Communications and Public Safety Act of 2005

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Signature: ON FILE Date: Feb 13, 2007

Printed Name and Title: EDWARD A. MERLIS, SVP GOVERNMENT & REGULATORY AFFA -