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LOBBYING REPORT

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

1. Registrant Name U.S. Telecom Association			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported 1401 H Street, NW			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) Washington DC, 20005 City: State/zip (or Country)			
4. Contact Name Edward Merlis	Telephone (202) 326-7291	E-mail (optional) emerlis@usta.org	5. Senate ID # 38847-12
7. Client Name <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self SELF			6. House ID # 30703000

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2004 Midyear (January 1-June 30) OR Year End (July 1-Dec)

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 Lobby

INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13

<p align="center">12. Lobbying Firms</p> <p>INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> ⇨ \$ _____ Income (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>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).</p>	<p align="center">13. Organizations</p> <p>EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ⇨ \$ <u>4,680,000.00</u> Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</p> <p>14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate reporting accounting method. See instructions for description of method.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definition</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 603 Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162 Internal Revenue Code</p>
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Signature  Date 11-17-11

Printed Name and Title Edward Merlis, Senior Vice President of Law & Policy

Registrant Name U.S. Telecom Association Client Name SELF

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

15. General issue area code TEC (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 107 - Digital Media Consumers' Rights Act of 2003
HR 1582 - Universal Service Fairness Act of 2003
HR 2929 - Safeguard Against Privacy Invasions Act
HR 4757 - Advanced Internet Communications Services Act of 2004
HR 4129 - VoIP Regulatory Freedom Act of 2004
S 1380 - Rural Universal Service Equity Act of 2003
S 2281 - VOIP Regulatory Freedom Act of 2004
S 2560 - Inducing Infringement of Copyrights Act of 2004

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None

United States House of Representatives
United States Senate

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Walter B. McCormick, Jr.	
Edward Merlis	
J. Brad Edwards	
Kathryn L. Anderson	
Lisbeth Lyons	
Sarah Versaggi	

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

Signature *Edward A. Merlis* Date August 16,

Printed Name and Title Edward Merlis, Senior Vice President of Law & Policy

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FY 04 Agriculture Appropriations Bill (RUS Funding)
HR 2214 - Reduction of SPAM bill
S 1293 - Criminal SPAM Act of 2003
S 877 - CAN-SPAM Act of 2003

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Government Owned Telecommunications Networks in Competition with Private Sector Telecommunications Networks
 Congressional oversight of the FCC's implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; including universal service; Interconnection; Deployment of Advanced Services; Local Telecommunications competition; and Triennial Review order.

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

S. 150 - Internet Tax Non-discrimination Act of 2003

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15. General issue area code LBR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Department of Transportation's Hours of Service rule of utility service vehicles in the 2004 Appropriations Bill

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15. General issue area code LAW (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

HR 4412 - Clarification of Antitrust Remedies in Telecommunications Act of 2004

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Information Update Page - Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.

20. Client new address

21. Client new principal place of business (if different from line 20)

City _____ State/Zip (or Country) _____

22. New general description of client's business or activities

LOBBYIST UPDATE

23. Name of each previously reported individual who is **no longer** expected to act as a lobbyist for the client

J. Brad Edwards, former Vice President of Government Affairs

ISSUE UPDATE

24. General lobbying issues previously reported that **no longer** pertain

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

25. Add the following affiliated organization(s)

Name	Address	Principal Place of (city and state or country)

26. Name of each previously reported organization that is **no longer** affiliated with the registrant or client

FOREIGN ENTITIES

27. Add the following foreign entities

Name	Address	Principal place of business (city and state or country)	Amount of contribution for lobbying activities

28. Name of each previously reported foreign entity that **no longer** owns, **or** controls, **or** is affiliated with the registrant or affiliated organization

Signature Edward A. Meeker Date August 16,

