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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Discontinuance of Bisynchronous Communications Protocol in IRS E- Filing

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS),
Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This announcement serves as
notice that the Internal Revenue Service
plans to discontinue the use of the

bisynchronous communication protocol
for IRS e-filing of Forms 1040 series,
including the stand-alone Electronic
Tax Document System. This includes
Forms 4868, Application for Automatic
Extension of Time to File U.S.
Individual Income Tax Return and Form
9465, Installment Agreement Request.

DATES: The effective date for this
discontinuation is October 18, 1999 at
the conclusion of the 1999 filing season.

ADDRESSES: Questions or concerns
should be directed to Carolyn E. Davis,
Senior Program Analyst at IRS,
Electronic Tax Administration,
OP:ETA:O:S, 5000 Ellin Road C4-187,
Lanham, MD 20706.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Questions or concerns will also be taken
over the telephone. Call 202-283-0589
(not a toll-free number) or via email to:
carolyn.e.davis@m1.irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If
transmitters are using the XMODEM,

YMODEM, or ZMODEM file transfer
protocols, they are using asynchronous
and not bisynchronous protocol, and
therefore are not affected by this notice.
In addition to offering asynchronous
connectivity, the IRS also is capable of
receiving data via TCP/IP on 56kbs and
ISDN lines. Other high-speed
alternatives are also being considered.
Concurrent with this action, the IBM
Series/1 minicomputers will be
decommissioned at the same time. All
of the above returns/forms will be
transmitted to the Austin Service Center
in Austin, TX and to the Tennessee
Computing Center in Memphis, TN for
the 2000 e-file season.

Approved:

Carol Stender-Larkin,

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