

DEFINITIONS

2. Definitions

Access Line

The circuit which travels from the Central Office to the subscriber's premise terminating at the protector which provides direct access to the local exchange and the toll switching networks.

Additional Listing

Any listing of a name or information in connection with a Member's telephone number beyond that to which he is entitled in connection with regular service.

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Aggregator

Aggregator denotes any entity that, in the ordinary course of its operations, makes telephones available to the public or transient users of its premises, for interstate telephone calls using a provider of operator services.

Appointment

Appointment means an arrangement made by the Cooperative to meet a Member within an agreed four (4) hour window at the Member's premises to perform work.

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Assessment Schedule

The document which lists the communication services offered by the Cooperative and the associated rates and charges.

Basic Local Exchange Service Installation

Basic local exchange service installation means the installation of basic local exchange service, or the physical connecting and diagnostic testing of a local loop that results in the provisioning of dial tone to the requesting Member's network interface device. It includes move orders and orders for additional lines.

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Central Office (CO)

A switching unit in a telephone system which provides service to the general public, having the necessary equipment and operating arrangements for the terminating and interconnecting Member lines and trunks or trunks only. There may be more than one central office in a building or exchange.

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Central Office (CO) Implemented Coin Line

An access line that provides coin signaling. A Member provided payphone may be used with a CO Implemented Coin Line.

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Channel

The communications path provided by the Cooperative between two or more locations.

Circuit

A Channel used for the transmission of electrical or optical energy in the furnishing of telephone service.

Class of Service

The various categories of service generally available to the member, such as business or residential.

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Contract

The service agreement between a subscriber and the Cooperative under which services and facilities are furnished in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Assessment Schedules.

Cost

The cost of labor and materials, which includes appropriate overheads to cover the Cooperative's general and administrative expenses.

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Customer Owned Coin-Operated Telephone (COCOT)

A type of payphone that can be connected to an ordinary telephone line. COCOTs differ from traditional payphones in that all functions of calculating charges and accepting payment for calls placed via a COCOT are handled by a microprocessor inside the telephone instrument. With traditional telephone company payphones, charges and payment collection are handled out of the telephone central office. COCOTs are also known as instrument-implemented phones or private payphones.

Customer Provided Equipment (CPE)

Devices, apparatus and their associated wiring provided by a subscriber for use with facilities furnished by the Cooperative.

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Demarcation Point

The point of connection, provided and maintained by the Cooperative, at which the station wiring becomes dedicated to an individual Member's use. For an individual Member dwelling, this point of connection will generally be the modular jack on the Member side of the Network Interface Device (NID). The drop wire and the network protector will continue to be provided by, and remain the property of, the Cooperative. The demarcation point is usually the point at which the Cooperative wiring connects with the Member's wiring.

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Local Exchange Service

Telephone service furnished between subscribers' stations located within the same local exchange area.. Local exchange service includes access to subscribers within the local service area only. Access to members outside of the local exchange area is provided by the members chosen IXC.

Local Message

A communication between subscribers' stations within the same local service area.

Local Service Area

That geographical area throughout which a subscriber obtains telephone service without the payment of a toll charge.

Maintenance of Service or Service Check

An examination, test or other method utilized to determine the condition of Member premises equipment and/or inside wiring.

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Member

To be defined by the Bylaws.

Member Activity Charge

Nonrecurring charge(s) made for the establishment of communication service or subsequent additions or changes to that service.

Member Provided Equipment

Devices, apparatus and their associated wiring provided by a subscriber for use with facilities furnished by the Cooperative.

Network Interface Device

A device wired between the telecommunications protector and the inside wiring to isolate the Member's equipment from the network.

Payphone Service Provider

An entity that provides payphone service. This entity can be either the local exchange Cooperative or an independent provider engaged in providing payphone service.

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Pilot Number

The number in a multi-line hunt service group which is published as the Member's telephone number. When this number is dialed and the line is in use, the central office switch will search for an available idle line in the hunt group.

Public Interest Telephone

See Essential Telephone.

Premises

All of a building or the adjoining portions of a building occupied and used by the subscriber; or all of the buildings occupied and used by the subscriber as a place of business or residence, which are located on a continuous plot of ground owned by one entity not intersected by a public highway or thoroughfare.

Private Line

A circuit provided to furnish communication only between the two or more locations directly connected to it, and not having connection with central office switching apparatus.

Subscriber

A person or agency subscribing for telephone service. As used in this Assessment Schedule, a separate subscriber is involved at each location, or continuous property, where service is furnished. One individual or firm therefore may be considered as two or more separate subscribers, even in the same Exchange. The privileges, restrictions, and rates established for a subscriber to any class of service are limited to the service at one location; no group treatment of service at separate locations furnished to one individual or firm is contemplated or to be implied except when definitely provided for in the specific service descriptions in the Assessment Schedule.

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Toll Message

A message from a calling station to a station located in a different local service area.

Toll Service

Telephone service rendered by the members chosen IXC between patrons in different local service areas in accordance with the rates and regulations of the IXC.

Trunk

A telephone communication channel between two switching centers.