

## 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.

#### 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.

#### Central Office (CO) Implemented Coin Line

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

#### Channel

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

#### Circuit

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

#### Contract

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

#### Customer

A subscriber to services listed in this Tariff. See Subscriber.

#### Customer Activity Charge

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

#### Customer Provided Equipment (CPE)

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

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Demarcation Point

The point of connection, provided and maintained by the Company, at which the station wiring becomes dedicated to an individual customer's use. For an individual customer dwelling, this point of connection will generally be the modular jack on the customer 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 Company. The demarcation point is usually the point at which the Company wiring connects with the customer's wiring.

Essential Telephones

All coin operated telephones (payphones) accessible by the public, provided for emergency use (Emergency Use Telephones), a reasonable percentage of telephones in hotels, motels, hospitals and nursing homes, and a reasonable percentage of credit card operated telephones on any group of such telephones. Essential Telephones may also be called Public Interest Telephones.

Emergency Use Telephones

All telephones intended primarily to save persons from bodily injury, theft or life threatening situations. This includes, but is not limited to, telephones in elevators and on highways, and telephones to alert police, a fire department or other emergency service providers.

End User

See subscriber.

Exchange

A geographical area for the administration of telecommunications services established and described by the tariff of a telecommunications company providing local exchange service.

Exchange Area

The territory served by an Exchange.

Instrument Implemented Payphone Service

Payphone Service which does not require the use of an access line that provides coin signaling. A customer provided payphone may be used in conjunction with Instrument Implemented Payphone Service.

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Local Channel

That portion of a channel which connects a station to the interexchange channel; it also applies to a channel connecting two or more stations within an exchange area.

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 subscribers outside of the local exchange area is provided through the Company's message toll tariff.

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.

Network Interface Device

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

Payphone Service Provider

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

Pilot Number

The number in a multi-line hunt service group which is published as the customer'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.

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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 Tariff, 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 tariff.

Tariff

The document filed by the Company with the Illinois Commerce Commission which lists the communication services offered by the Company and the associated rates and charges.

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 Company or other Common Carriers between patrons in different local service areas in accordance with the rates and regulations of the company providing service.

Trunk

A telephone communication channel between two switching centers.

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