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Definitions as used in this chapter.

- (A) "Access line" means a switched circuit between a subscriber's premises and a local exchange company's switching center.
- (B) "Annual gross marginal costs" means the annual estimated expenses that a local exchange company incurs in operating the plant and facilities necessary to provide EAS between two exchanges. These costs include, but are not limited to, depreciation, cost of money, federal income tax, personal property tax, and maintenance.
- (C) "Commission" means the public utilities commission of Ohio.
- (D) "Calling rate" means the average number of message toll calls placed per access line per month from one exchange to another exchange.
- (E) "Distribution of calling" means the ratio, expressed as a percentage, of access lines placing at least one message toll call per month from one exchange to another exchange compared to the total number of access lines in the exchange.
- (F) "Exchange" means a geographical service area established by a local exchange company and approved by the commission, which usually embraces a city; town, or village, and a designated surrounding or adjacent area. It typically consists of one or more central offices, together with the associated plant used in furnishing telecommunications service to the general public.
- (G) "Extended area service (EAS)" means flat-rate or usage sensitive telecommunications service, permitting subscribers of a given exchange to place calls to and receive calls from one or more other exchanges without being assessed message toll service charges for each call.
- (H) "Flat-rate service" is a form of EAS offered by a local exchange company which permits unlimited local calling at a fixed recurring monthly charge.
- (I) "Interexchange carrier" means any common carrier, excluding local exchange companies, radio common carriers, and cellular telephone companies, which carry subscriber transmissions and provide message toll service.
- (J) "Local calling area" means that area within which a subscriber may complete telephone messages to another subscriber without being assessed message toll service charges for each message.

- (K) "Local exchange company" means any person, firm, partnership, cooperative organization, or corporation engaged in the business of providing local exchange service to the public under the jurisdiction of the commission.
- (L) "Local exchange service" means telecommunications service provided within an exchange in accordance with an approved tariff.
- (M) "Marginal investment costs" means the costs of additional facilities necessary to provide EAS including, but not limited to, transmission and trunk termination equipment.
- (N) "Message toll service" is a toll service, rather than a local service, between subscribers in different exchanges offered by local exchange companies and interexchange carriers for which charges are usage sensitive, and based on the number, duration, distance, and time of day/day of week factors.
- (O) "Savings and revenue enhancements" are expenses that a local exchange company will no longer incur upon the provision of EAS including, but not limited to, ticketing expenses and access charge expenses.
- (P) "Subscriber" means any person, firm, partnership, corporation, municipality, cooperative organization, or governmental agency which contracts for telecommunications service and is responsible for the payment of charges and compliance with the rules and regulations of the local exchange company.
- (Q) "Telephone service" means the transmission of switched voice-grade communications by the public through the use of equipment and facilities provided by the telephone utility to permit the transmitting and receiving of telephone messages.
- (R) "Telephone utility" means any local exchange company or interexchange carrier engaged in the provision of intrastate telecommunications service.
- (S) "Usage sensitive service" is a form of EAS offered by a local exchange company for which subscriber charges are based on either the number of messages or the number, duration, distance, and time of day/day of week of the completed calls, or combinations thereof.

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