

4901:1-7-17**Carrier-to-carrier pricing.**

[Comment: For dates of references to a section of either the United States Code or a regulation in the Code of Federal Regulations, see rule 4901:1-7-02 of the Administrative Code.]

(A) General principles

- (1) These standards apply to pricing of interconnection, unbundled network elements, methods of obtaining interconnection and access to unbundled network elements (including collocation), and reciprocal compensation pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 251(c) and 251(d)(2). All of these provisions are referred to as "elements" for the purpose of this rule.
- (2) An incumbent local exchange carrier's (ILEC's) rates for each element it offers are to comply with the general pricing standards pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 51.503 and 47 C.F.R. 51.505 and the rate structure standards as described in paragraph (B) of this rule.
- (3) The commission, at its discretion in an arbitration proceeding, shall set the ILEC's rates for each element it offers by either:
 - (a) Utilizing interim rates, subject to a true up pursuant to paragraph (A) (4) of this rule, that are based on the best information available to the commission about the ILEC's forward-looking economic costs.
 - (b) Pursuant to the forward-looking economic cost-based pricing methodology described in rule 4901:1-7-19 of the Administrative Code.
- (4) The interim rate(s) for an element(s) will no longer be in effect once the commission determines rates based on forward-looking economic costs pursuant to rule 4901:1-7-19 of the Administrative Code, submitted by the ILEC and approved by the commission. If the interim rate for an element is different from the rate established by the commission pursuant to rule 4901:1-7-19 of the Administrative Code, the involved telephone companies are to make adjustments to the past rate charged for that element which allow each telephone company to be charged at a rate level it would have been charged had the interim element rate equaled the rate later established by the commission pursuant to rule 4901:1-7-19 of the Administrative Code. The involved telephone companies may consider the financial impact of the true up and negotiate the period of time over which the true up takes place.
- (5) The rate that an ILEC assesses for elements shall not vary on the basis of the class of customer served by the requesting telephone company, or on the type

of services that the requesting telephone company purchasing such elements uses them to provide.

(B) Rate structure

- (1) The rate structure standards contained in 47 C.F.R. 51.507 and 51.509 shall apply to rates set by the commission in arbitration proceedings pursuant to rule 4901:1-7-09 of the Administrative Code. Local exchange carriers (LECs) are not precluded from negotiating alternative rates or rate structures.

(2) General rate structure standards

An incumbent local exchange carrier's rates for each element it offers are to comply with the general pricing standards pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 51.503 and 51.505 and the rate structure standards as described in paragraph (B) of this rule.

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