

4901:1-7-27**Local exchange carrier default.**

- (A) In the event a local exchange carrier (LEC) intends to terminate another LEC's access to its network for nonpayment or any other material default, as defined by an agreement between the LECs, and in the event such termination of service would effectively result in the disconnection of the defaulting LEC's customers from the local telecommunications network without a customer notice, consistent with rule 4901:1-6-07 of the Administrative Code, the aggrieved LEC shall be required to notify the commission at least fourteen calendar days in advance of the date it intends to terminate the other LECs' access. Such notice shall be made by e-mail, facsimile, overnight mail, or hand delivery to the defaulting LEC and to the director of the service monitoring and enforcement department, the chief of the telecommunications section of the utilities department, and the chief of the telecommunications section of the legal department.
- (B) If it is determined by the commission, that further investigation is warranted or that immediate termination may not be in the public interest, the commission or an attorney examiner may direct the aggrieved LEC to stay the termination for further investigation. This section is not intended to replace any default or dispute resolution provisions contained in an agreement between the LECs. Rather, it is an additional requirement should a default trigger the potential for termination of service(s) from the aggrieved LEC's network.

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