

DEFINITIONS

2. Definitions

Access Line

The circuit which travels from the Central Office to the subscriber's premises 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 or intrastate telephone calls using a provider of operator services.

Automatic Location Identification (ALI)

Automatic Location Identification (ALI) is an E911 feature that provides the name or address or both associated with the calling party's telephone number (identified by ANI as defined below) to the PSAP for display. Additional telephones with the same number as the calling party's (e.g. secondary locations, off-premises extensions) are generally identified with the address of the telephone number at the main location.

Automatic Number Identification (ANI)

Automatic Number Identification (ANI) provides for the telephone number of the calling party to be forwarded to the PSAP.

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.

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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.

Demarcation Point ("DEMARC")

The point of connection, provided and maintained by 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.

Digital Centrex

Centrex is a central office based business touch tone service which provides capabilities similar to those offered by a Private Branch Exchange, but without requiring switching equipment on the customer's premises.

Emergency Service Number (ESN)

Emergency Service Number (ESN) is a Selective Routing (SR) code assigned to each telephone number in an exchange where SR is provided to route E911 calls to an appropriate PSAP. The ESN defines the set of emergency services (e.g. police, fire, PSAP, and medical) within a particular serving area. An ESN is associated with a primary and possibly one or more secondary PSAPs.

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.

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End User

See subscriber.

Entrance Facilities

A path that will allow the telephone company to wire from an over-voltage protection device and connecting hardware for the transition between outdoor and indoor cable.

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.

Extended Area Service

Interexchange telephone service furnished at flat or message rates between one or more exchange areas. This is a local service offering.

Instrument Implemented Payphone Service

Payphone Service that 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.

Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) Service

An integrated digital network in which the same digital switches and digital paths are used to establish connections for different services (for example, telephony, data).

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.

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Network Interface Device (NID)

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

911 Service Area

911 Service Area is a geographic area in which a particular PSAP will respond to all 911 calls and dispatch appropriate emergency assistance.

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 that 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.

Premises

The building, portion or portions of a building used and occupied at one time by the subscriber in the conduct of his business or as a residence. Where floor space in adjoining buildings is made continuous in extent at one or more floor levels, all floor space in both buildings is considered as the same premises insofar as the subscriber who uses and occupies such continuous floor space is concerned, the two buildings otherwise being considered as separate buildings.

Primary Rate Interface (PRI)

The ISDN interface standard for the T-1 ISDN service. This interface governs the connection of an ISDN PBX or other large multiline business communications system to a 1.544 Mbps digital facility (in North America) or a 2.048 Mbps digital facility (in other global regions). In North America, the 1.544Mbps primary rate interface provides for 23 message-bearing 64 Kbps B channels for speech, facsimile, freeze-frame video and data, plus a 64 Kbps D channel for network signaling.

Private Line

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

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Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP)

Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) is a communication facility operated or answered on a 24-hour basis, assigned responsibility by a public agency or county to receive 911 calls and, as appropriate, to directly dispatch emergency 911 calls to other public safety agencies. It is the first point of reception by a public safety agency of a 911 call, and serves the jurisdictions in which it is located and other participating jurisdiction, if necessary.

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 Indiana Utility Regulatory 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.

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Trunk

A telephone communication channel between two switching centers.

Universal Emergency Number Service

Universal Emergency Number Service is a telephone exchange communication service whereby a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) serving the Customer's location may receive telephone calls dialed to the telephone number "911". The 911 Service includes lines and equipment necessary for transferring and dispatching public emergency telephone calls originating by persons within the telephone central offices areas arranged for 911 calling.