
SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS

Local Calling Area or Local Service Area: The Company's local calling area will mirror the local calling area described in the ILEC tariff for that geographic area.

Local Exchange Carrier (LEC): Any company or other entity, which provides telephone service inside, or within the Local Calling Area.

Local Switching Center: The switching center where telephone exchange service Customer station Channels are terminated for purposes of interconnection to each other and to interoffice Trunks.

Mbps: Megabits, or millions of Bits, per second.

Meet-Point Billing (MPB): The arrangement through which multiple Exchange Carriers involved in providing Access Services divide the ordering, rating, and billing of such services on a proportional basis, so that each Exchange Carrier involved in providing a portion of the Access Service agrees to bill under its respective tariff. All information necessary for billing, ordering and design coordination will be provided based on the standards in the Multiple Exchange Carriers Access Billing Guidelines (MECAB) and Multiple Exchange Carriers Ordering and Design Guidelines (MECOD) to ensure that jointly provided Access Services are installed, tested and turned up in a timely manner.

Message: A message is a call.

Monthly Recurring Charge (MRC): The monthly charges to the Customer for services, facilities and equipment, which continue for the agreed upon duration of the service.

MTA: MTA refers to Major Trading Area as defined in 47 C.F. R. paragraphs 24-102 of the FCC Rules and Regulations.

Network: Refers to the Company's facilities and equipment used to provide services under this tariff.

NPA-NXX: Numbering Plan Area (also known as "Area Code") and prefix (NXX).

Non-Recurring Charges (NRC): The one-time initial charges for services or facilities, including but not limited to, charges for construction, installation, or special fees, for which the Customer becomes liable at the time the Service Order is executed.

Off-Hook: The active condition of Switched Access or a telephone exchange service line.

On-Hook: The idle condition of switched access or a telephone exchange service line.