
SECTION 2 - GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.15 Explanation of Terms (Cont'd)

LOCAL CALL

A call which, if placed by a customer over the facilities of the Company, is not rated as a toll call.

LOCAL CALLING AREA

The area, consisting of one or more central office districts, within which a subscriber for access service may make telephone calls without a toll charge.

LOCAL TELEPHONE NUMBER PORTABILITY

The ability of end users to retain their existing telephone numbers when remaining at a location, or changing their location within the geographic area served by the initial carrier's serving central office, regardless of the LEC or CLC selected.

LOCAL SERVICE

Telephone exchange service within a local calling area.

LOOP START

Describes the signaling between the terminal equipment or PBX/key system interface and the Company's switch. It is the signal requesting service.

LOOPS

Segments of a line which extend from the serving central office to the originating and to the terminating point.

MEGABIT

One million bits.

MESSAGE RATE SERVICE

A type of exchange service provided at a monthly rate with an additional charge for local calling based on the usage of the local network. One completed call is equal to one message.