

AN ACT

To amend section 4927.01 of the Revised Code to redefine "basic local exchange service" in alternative telephone regulation law to specify the essential elements of that service.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That section 4927.01 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4927.01. As used in this chapter:

(A) "Basic local exchange service" means ~~the end;~~

(1) End user and carrier access to and usage of telephone company-provided facilities services that enable customers a customer, over a local exchange telephone company network operated within a local service area the primary line serving the customer's premises, to originate or receive voice grade, data, or image communications and to access interexchange or other networks within a local service area, and that consist of the following:

(a) Local dial tone service;

(b) Touch tone dialing service;

(c) Access to and usage of 9-1-1 services, where such services are available;

(d) Access to operator services and directory assistance;

(e) Provision of a telephone directory and a listing in that directory;

(f) Per call, caller identification blocking services;

(g) Access to telecommunications relay service; and

(h) Access to toll presubscription, interexchange or toll providers or both, and networks of other telephone companies.

(2) Carrier access to and usage of telephone company-provided facilities that enable end user customers originating or receiving voice grade, data, or image communications, over a local exchange telephone company network operated within a local service area, to access interexchange or other networks.

(B) "Cable television service" means any transmission of video or other programming service to subscribers and any subscriber interaction required

for the selection of that video or other programming service.

(C) "Local service area" means the geographic area within which a telephone customer may complete a call to another telephone customer without being assessed long distance toll charges.

(D) "Public telecommunications service" means the transmission by a telephone company, by electromagnetic or other means, of signs, signals, writings, images, sounds, messages, or data originating and terminating in this state regardless of actual call routing, but does not include a system, including its construction, maintenance, or operation, for the provision of telecommunications service, or any portion of such service, by any entity for the sole and exclusive use of that entity, its parent, a subsidiary, or an affiliated entity, and not for resale, directly or indirectly; the provision of terminal equipment used to originate or terminate telecommunications service; broadcast transmission by radio, television, or satellite broadcast stations regulated by the federal government; or cable television service.

(E) "Telephone company" means any company described in division (A)(2) of section 4905.03 of the Revised Code that is a public utility under section 4905.02 of the Revised Code.

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SECTION 2. That existing section 4927.01 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

Approved _____, 20____

Governor.

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The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

Director, Legislative Service Commission.

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