

7817.0100 DEFINITIONS.

Subpart 1. **Scope.** The terms used in this chapter have the meanings given them in this part.

Subp. 2. **Access line.** "Access line" means facilities owned by a local service provider furnished to permit switched access to the telecommunications network that extend from a central office to the demarcation point on the property where the subscriber is served. The term includes access lines provided to residential and business subscribers and includes centrex access lines on a trunk equivalent basis, but does not include private nonswitched or wide area telephone service access lines.

Subp. 3. **Commission.** "Commission" means the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

Subp. 3a. [Repealed, 34 SR 818]

Subp. 4. **Commissioner of public safety.** "Commissioner of public safety" means the commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

Subp. 5. **Department of Commerce.** "Department of Commerce" means the Minnesota Department of Commerce.

Subp. 5a. [Repealed, 34 SR 818]

Subp. 6. **Federal matching plan.** "Federal matching plan" means any telephone service discount plan of the Federal Communications Commission, including the federal plan in Code of Federal Regulations, title 47, part 54, that waives the federal interstate access charge for eligible local telephone subscribers. This federal plan provides matching federal assistance to eligible households receiving assistance through a state telephone assistance plan.

Subp. 7. **Household.** "Household" means all persons who occupy a housing unit.

Subp. 8. [Repealed, 34 SR 818]

Subp. 9. [Repealed, 34 SR 818]

Subp. 10. **Local exchange service.** "Local exchange service" means telephone service provided within local exchange service areas in accordance with local service provider tariffs. It includes the use of exchange facilities required to establish connections between stations within the exchange and between stations and the toll facilities serving the exchange. It also includes extended area service that is interexchange calling for which a message toll charge is not assessed.

Subp. 10a. **Local service provider.** "Local service provider" means a service provider of local exchange service.

Subp. 11. **Permanent changes.** "Permanent changes" means changes in eligibility that are expected to continue for 12 months or more. These changes include increased income, change of residence, or death of the subscriber.

Subp. 12. [Repealed, 34 SR 818]

Subp. 12a. **Service order record change charge.** "Service order record change charge" means the fee that a local service provider charges to a subscriber for making a change in the subscriber's billing record for local service.

Subp. 13. **Subscriber.** "Subscriber" means a person in whose name local exchange service is provided by a local service provider.

Subp. 13a. **TAP enrollment charge.** "TAP enrollment charge" means the administrative cost to a local service provider of enrolling each new participant in the telephone assistance program as determined under part 7817.0300, subpart 5.

Subp. 14. **Telephone assistance credits.** "Telephone assistance credits" means the credits applied to reduce the local telephone rates of residential households that qualify under the telephone assistance plan.

Subp. 14a. **Telephone assistance fund.** "Telephone assistance fund" means a statewide surcharge revenue pool created by Laws 1988, chapter 621, section 16.

Subp. 15. **Telephone assistance plan or TAP.** "Telephone assistance plan" or "TAP" means the plan required by Minnesota Statutes, sections 237.69 to 237.711, and set out in this chapter.

Subp. 16. [Repealed, 34 SR 818]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 237.10; 237.69 to 237.711*

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