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§ 61.1 Purpose and application.

(a) The purpose of this part is to prescribe the framework for the initial establishment of and subsequent revisions to tariff publications.

(b) Tariff publications filed with the Commission must conform to the rules in this part. Failure to comply with any provisions of this part may be grounds for rejection of the non-complying publication.

(c) No carrier required to file tariffs may provide any interstate or foreign communication service until every tariff publication for such communication service is on file with the Commission and in effect.

§ 61.2 Clear and explicit explanatory statements.

In order to remove all doubt as to their proper application, all tariff publications must contain clean and explicit explanatory statements regarding the rates and regulations.

DEFINITIONS

§ 61.3 Definitions.

(a) *Act*. The Communications Act of 1934 (48 Stat. 1004; 47 U.S.C. chapter 5), as amended.

(b) *Actual Price Index (API)*. An index of the level of aggregate rate element rates in a basket, which index is calculated pursuant to § 61.46.

(c) *Association*. This term has the meaning given it in § 69.2(d).

(d) *Band*. A zone of pricing flexibility for a service category, which zone is calculated pursuant to § 61.47.

(e) *Base period*. For carriers subject to §§ 61.41–61.49, the 12-month period ending six months prior to the effective date of annual price cap tariffs, or for carriers regulated under § 61.50, the 24-month period ending six months prior to the effective date of biennial optional incentive plan tariffs. Base year or base period earnings shall not include amounts associated with exogenous adjustments to the PCI for the sharing or lower formula adjustment mechanisms.

(f) *Basket*. Any class or category of tariffed service or charge:

(1) Which is established by the Commission pursuant to price cap regulation;

(2) The rates of which are reflected in an Actual Price Index; and

(3) The related costs of which are reflected in a Price Cap Index.

(g) *Change in rate structure*. A restructuring or other alternation of the rate components for an existing service.

(h) *Charges*. The price for service based on tariffed rates.

(i) *Commercial contractor*. The commercial firm to whom the Commission annually awards a contract to make copies of Commission records for sale to the public.

(j) *Commission*. The Federal Communications Commission.

(k) *Concurring carrier*. A carrier (other than a connecting carrier) subject to the Act which concurs in and assents to schedules of rates and regulations filed on its behalf an issuing carrier or carriers.

(l) *Connecting carrier*. A carrier engaged in interstate or foreign communication solely through physical connection with the facilities of another

carrier not directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by, or under direct or indirect common control with, such carrier.

(m) *Contract-based tariff*. A tariff based on a service contract entered into between an interexchange carrier subject to § 61.42 (a) through (c) or a nondominant carrier and a customer.

(n) *Corrections*. The remedy of errors in typing, spelling, or punctuations.

(o) *Dominant carrier*. A carrier found by the Commission to have market power (i.e., power to control prices).

(p) *GDP Price Index (GDP-PI)*. The estimate of the “Fixed Weight Price Index for Gross Domestic Product, 1987 Weights” published by the United States Department of Commerce, which the Commission designates by Order.

(q) *GNP Price Index (GNP-PI)*. The estimate of the “Fixed-Weighted Price Index for Gross National Product, 1982 Weights” published by the United States Department of Commerce, which the Commission designates by Order.

(r) *Issuing carrier*. A carrier subject to the Act that publishes and files a tariff or tariffs with the Commission.

(s) *Local Exchange Carrier*. Any person that is engaged in the provision of telephone exchange service or exchange access as defined in section 3(26) of the Act.

(t) *New service offering*. A tariff filing that provides for a class or sub-class of service not previously offered by the carrier involved and that enlarges the range of service options available to ratepayers.

(u) *Non-dominant carrier*. A carrier not found to be dominant.

(v) *Other participating carrier*. A carrier subject to the Act that publishes a tariff containing rates and regulations applicable to the portion or through service it furnishes in conjunction with another subject carrier.

(w) *Price Cap Index (PCI)*. An index of costs applying to carriers subject to price cap regulation, which index is calculated for each basket pursuant to § 61.44 or 61.45.

(x) *Price cap regulation*. A method of regulation of dominant carriers provided in §§ 61.41 through 61.49.