

## **R746-360-2. Definitions.**

A. Affordable Base Rate (ABR) — means the monthly per line retail rates, charges or fees for basic telecommunications service which the Commission determines to be just, reasonable, and affordable for a designated support area. The Affordable Base Rate shall be established by the Commission in R746-360-6. B. The Affordable Base Rate includes state regulated fees as set forth in 47 C.F.R §54.318(e), but does not include the applicable ~~USF retail surcharge~~, municipal franchise fees, taxes, and other incidental surcharges.

B. Average Revenue Per Line — means the average revenue for each access line computed by dividing the sum of all revenue derived from a telecommunications corporation's provision of public telecommunications services, including, but not limited to, revenues received from the provision of services in both the interstate and intrastate jurisdictions, whether designated "retail," "wholesale," or some other categorization, all revenues derived from providing network elements, services, functionalities, etc. required under the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, Pub. L. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56 or the Utah Telecommunications Reform Act, Laws of Utah 1995, Chapter 269, all support funds received from the Federal Universal Service Support Fund, and each and every other revenue source or support or funding mechanism used to assist in recovering the costs of providing public telecommunications services in a designated support area by that telecommunications corporation's number of access lines in the designated support area.

C. Basic Telecommunications Service — means a local exchange service consisting of access to the public switched network; touch-tone, or its functional equivalent; local flat-rated, unlimited usage, exclusive of extended area service; single-party service with telephone number listed free in directories that are received free; access to operator services; access to directory assistance, lifeline and telephone relay assistance; access to 911 and E911 emergency services; access to long-distance carriers; access to toll limitation services; and other services as may be determined by the Commission.

D. Designated Support Area — means the geographic area used to determine USF support distributions. A designated support area, or "support area," need not be the same as a USF proxy model's geographic unit. The Commission will determine the appropriate designated support areas for determining USF support requirements. Unless otherwise specified by the Commission, the designated support area for a rate-of-return regulated Incumbent telephone corporation shall be its entire certificated service territory located in the State of Utah.

E. Facilities-Based Provider — means a telecommunications corporation that uses its own facilities, a combination of its own facilities and essential facilities or unbundled network elements obtained from another telecommunications corporation, or a telecommunications corporation which solely uses essential facilities or unbundled network elements obtained from another telecommunications corporation to provide public telecommunications services.

F. Geographic Unit — means the geographic area used by a USF proxy cost model for calculating costs of public telecommunications services. The Commission will determine the appropriate geographic area to be used in determining public telecommunications service costs.

G. Net Fund Distributions — means the difference between the gross fund distribution to which a qualifying telecommunications corporation is entitled and the gross fund surcharge revenues collected by that company, when the former amount is greater than the latter amount.

H. Net Fund Contributions — means the difference between the gross fund distribution to which a qualifying telecommunications corporation is entitled and the gross fund surcharge revenues generated by that company, when the latter amount is greater than the former amount.

I. Trust Fund — means the Trust Fund established by 54-8b-12.

J. USF Proxy Model Costs — means the total, jurisdiction-ally unseparated, cost estimate for public telecommunications services, in a geographic unit, based on the forward-looking, economic cost proxy

model(s) chosen by the Commission. The level of geographic cost disaggregation to be used for purposes of assessing the need for and the level of USF support within a geographic unit will be determined by the Commission. These models shall be provided by the Commission by January 2, 2001.

K. Universal Service Fund (USF or fund) — means the Universal Public Telecommunications Service Support Fund established by 54-8b-15 and set forth by this rule.