

SECTION 2 - DEFINITIONS

Certain terms used generally throughout the tariffs of MCImetro are defined below.

Advance Payment: Part or all of a payment required before the start of service.

Bit: The smallest unit of information in the binary system of notation.

Communications Services: MCImetro's intrastate regulated telecommunications services,

Company: MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC, the issuer of this tariff.

Customer: The person, firm or corporation which purchases service and is responsible for the payment of charges and compliance with MCImetro's regulations.

Dial Pulse or ("DP"): The pulse type employed by rotary dial station sets.

Direct Inward Dial or ("DID"): A service attribute that routes incoming calls directly to stations, by-passing a central answering point.

Direct Outward Dial or ("DOD"): A service attribute that allows individual station users to access and dial outside numbers directly.

Dual Tone Multi-Frequency or ("DTMF"): The pulse type employed by tone dial station sets.

Duplex Service: Service which provides for simultaneous transmission in both directions.

Fiber Optic Cable: A thin filament of glass with a protective outer coating through which a light beam carrying communications signals may be transmitted by means of multiple internal reflections to a receiver, which translates the message.

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Ground Start: Describes the signaling method between the PBX/key system interface and the MCImetro switch. It is also a request for service.

In-Only: A service attribute that restricts outward dial access and routes incoming calls to a designated answer point.

Joint User: A person, firm or corporation which is designated by the Customer as a user of services furnished to the Customer by MCImetro and to whom a portion of the charges for the service will be billed under a joint user arrangement as specified in MCImetro's tariffs.

Kbps: Kilobus per second, denotes thousands of bits per second.

LATA: A Local Access and Transport Area established pursuant to the Modification of Final Judgment entered by the United States District Court for the District of Columbian Civil Action No. 82-0192; or any other geographic area designated as a LATA in the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.

Loop Start: Describes the signaling between the terminal equipment or PBX/key system interface and the MCImetro switch. It is the signal requesting service.

Mbps: Megabits, denotes millions of bits per second.

MPSC: The Michigan Public Service Commission.

Multi-Frequency ("MF"): An inter-machine pulse-type used for signaling between telephone company switches, or between telephone company switches and PBX/key systems.

Out-Only: A service attribute which restricts DID.

Point of Connection: Also abbreviated "POC." A location designated by MCImetro for the connection of Customer-provided wiring and terminal equipment to the services offered under the tariffs of MCImetro.

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Port: A connection to the MCImetro switching network with one or more voice grade Communications channels, each with a unique network address (telephone number), dedicated to the Customer. Each port is equipped with a Terminal Interface.

Premises: The space occupied by a Customer or authorized user in a building or buildings or contiguous property (except railroad rights-of-way, etc.) not separated by a highway.

Primary Distribution Node: A location on the MCImetro switching network, designated by MCImetro as an aggregation and interconnection point.

Recurring Charges: The monthly charges to the Customer for services, facilities and equipment, which continue for the agreed upon duration of the service.

Service Commencement Date: The first day following the date on which MCImetro notifies the Customer that the requested service or facility is available for use, unless extended by the Customer's refusal to accept service which does not conform to standards set forth in the Service Order or the tariffs of MCImetro, in which case the Service Commencement Date is the date of the Customer's acceptance. MCImetro and Customer may mutually agree on a substitute Service Commencement Date.

Service Order: The written request for Network Services executed by the Customer and MCImetro in the format devised by MCImetro. The signing of a Service Order by the Customer and acceptance by MCImetro initiates the respective obligations of the parties as set forth therein and pursuant to the tariffs of MCImetro, but the duration of the service is calculated from the Service Commencement Date.

Shared: A facility or equipment system or subsystem that can be used simultaneously by several Customers.

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Terminal Interface: The method of physical connection between a MCImetro-provided service and a Customer's or User's transmission cable, inside wiring, or terminal equipment. Depending upon the service ordered by the Customer, there may be a choice of terminal interfaces. The Customer is responsible for ordering a terminal interface that is compatible with the Customer's or User's terminal equipment. All terminal interfaces will be provided by industry-standard connectors as specified in or authorized by Subpart F of Part 68, Title 47, Code of Federal Regulations.

Two Way: A service attribute that includes DOD for outbound calls and can also be used to carry inbound calls to a central point for further processing.

User: A Customer, Joint User, or any other person authorized by a Customer to use service provided to the Customer under a MCImetro tariff.

SECTION 3 - UNDERTAKING OF THE COMPANY

3.1 General

1. MCImetro does not undertake to transmit messages but offers the use of its facilities for the transmission of communications.
2. Customers and Users may use services and facilities provided under the tariffs of MCImetro to obtain access to services offered by other companies. MCImetro is responsible only for the services and facilities provided under its tariffs, and for unregulated services provided pursuant to contract, and it assumes no responsibility for any service (whether regulated or not) provided by any other entity that purchases access to the MCImetro network in order to originate or terminate its own services, or to communicate with its own customers.