

ABBREVIATIONS & ACRONYMS**ABBREVIATION / ACRONYM****DENOTES**

%	Percent
AC	Alternating Current
ACD	Automatic Call Distributor
ADSL	Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line
AIN	Advanced Intelligent Network
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
ATM	Asynchronous Transfer Mode
Bps	Bits Per Second
Bus.	Business
CAPS	Competitive Access Provider
CATV	Cable Television
CDF	Central Distribution Frame
CH.	Channel
CLEC	Certified Competitive Local Exchange Carrier
CO	Central Office
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CPE	Customer Provided/Premise Equipment
CPTSP	Competitive Pay Telephone Service Provider
CRTC	Canadian Radio-Television & Telecommunications Commission
CSU	Channel Service Unit
DC	Direct Current
DCS	Digital Channel Service
DEA	Digital Exchange Access
DID	Direct Inward Dialing
DMS	Digital Multiplex System
DNA	Digital Network Access
DSL	Digital Subscriber Line
DSLAM	Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer
DSP	Digital Signal Processor
DSU	Digital Service Unit
DTE	Digital Terminal (or Termination) Equipment
Ext.	Extension
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FX	Foreign Exchange

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HDSL	High bit-rate Digital Subscriber Line
HF	High Frequency
HFC	Hybrid Fiber/Coaxial Cable
ILEC	Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier
IP	Internet Protocol
ISDN	Integrated Services Digital Network
ISP	Internet Service Provider
IXC	Inter-exchange Carrier
Kbps	Kilobits Per Second
LAN	Local Area Network
LEC	Local Exchange Carrier
LN	Load Number
LNP	Local Number Portability
Mbps	Megabits Per Second
MDF	Main Distribution Frame
MESC	Multi-Element Service Charge
MRC	Monthly Recurring Charge
N/A	Not Applicable
NIC	Network Interface Card
NID	Network Interface Device
NRC	Non-Recurring Charge
OC	Optical Carrier
OSI	Open Systems Interconnect
PBX	Public Branch Exchange
POP	Point of Presence
POTS	Plain Old Telephone Service
SC	Service Charge
SMDI	Simplified Message Desk Interface
SONET	Synchronous Optical Network
STM	Synchronous Transfer Mode
PRI	Primary Rate Interface
PSTN	Public Switched Telephone Network
SDSL	Symmetric Digital Subscriber Line

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TCP	Transmission Control Protocol
TCP/IP	Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol
TDM	Time Division Multiplexing
TELCO	Telephone Company
UDSL	Unidirectional Digital Subscriber Line
USOC	Uniform Service Order Code
VC	Virtual Channel
VDSL	Very high bit-rate Digital Subscriber Line
VHF	Very High Frequency
VoIP	Voice over Internet Protocol
VPN	Virtual Private Network
WAN	Wide Area Network
WATS	Wide Area Telecommunications Services
WDM	Wave Division Multiplexing
WSP	Wireless Service Provider
WWW	World Wide Web
xDSL	(generic) Digital Subscriber Line