



Acronym Guide

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IB
AC
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A

AAA – Authentication, Authorization and Accounting Services
AAA – Authentication, Authorization and Audit/Accounting
AAP – Alternative Access Provider
AAV – Automated Address Verification
ABS – Alternative Billing Service
ABS – Average Busy Season
AC – Access Customer
ACAM – Alternative Connect America Cost Mode
ACAT – Additional Cooperative Acceptance Testing
ACD – Automatic Call Distribution
ACH – Access Charge Handbook
ACN – Access Customer Name
ACNA – Access Customer Name Abbreviation
ACP – Anywhere Call Pickup
ACR – Alternate Carrier Routing
ACR – Automatic Carrier Routing
ACS – Automatic Configuration Server
AD – Administrative Domain
ADA – Abbreviated Dialing Arrangement
ADM – Add/Drop Multiplexing
ADM – Asymmetrical Digital Microcell
ADML – Asymmetrical Digital Microcell Link
ADSL – Asynchronous Digital Subscriber Line
ADSL2+ – Next Generation ADSL
AFR – Application for Review
AFUDC – Allowance for Funds Used During Construction
A-GPS – Assisted Global Positioning System
AI – Artificial Intelligence
AIN – Advanced Intelligent Network
AIS – Alarm Indication Signal
ALNP – Aggregated Line and Node Protection
ALT – Alternative Local Transport Provider
AM – Access Minute
AMA – Automatic Message Accounting
AME – Automatic Message Exchange
AML – Actual Measured Loss
AMOU – Access Minutes Of Use also MOU
AMR – Automatic Message Recording
AMRE – Automatic Message Recording Equipment
ANI – Automatic Number Identification

ANI – Average Net Investment
ANS – American National Standard
ANS – Ancillary Network Service
ANSI – American National Standards Institute
AOC – Access Order Charge
AOCN – Administrative Operating Company Number
AOS – Alternate Operator Service
APDU – Application Protocol Data Unit
API – Actual Price Index
API – Application Platform Interface
APS – Automatic Protection Switching
ARC – Access Recovery Charge
ARM – Access Recovery Mechanism
ARMIS – Automated Reporting Management Information System
ARRA – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
AS – Average Schedule
ASCP – Access Service Connection Point
ASEC – Area Specific Exchange Carrier
ASG – Access Service Group
ASM – Any-Source Multicast
ASOG – Access Service Ordering Guidelines
ASON – Automatically Switched Optical Network
ASR – Access Service Request
ASTN – Automatic Switched Transport Network
AT – Access Tandem
ATIS – Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions
ATM – Asynchronous Transfer Mode
ATM-CRS – Asynchronous Transfer Mode Cell Relay Access Service
ATV – Advanced Television Service
AWC – Area Wide Centrex

B

B2B – Business to Business
BB – Broadband
BBU – Battery Back-up Unit
BCP – Basic Call Process
BDS – Business Data Services
B&C Agent – Billing and Collection Agent for the North American Numbering Plan
BER – Bit Error Rate
BETRS – Basic Exchange Telecommunications Radio Service
BEX – Broadband Exchange
BFD – Bidirectional Forwarding Distribution

BFR – Bona Fide Request
BGCF – Breakout Gateway Call Function or Border Gateway Control Function
BGP – Border Gateway Protocol
BHMC – Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity
BIAS – Broadband Internet Access Service
BIP – Billing Interconnection Percentage
BIP – Broadband Initiatives Program of Rural Utilities Service
BISDN – Broadband Integrated Services Digital Network
BLS – Broadband Loop Support
BLSR – Bi-directional Line Switched Ring
BMC – Broadcast/Multicast Control
BNA – Billing Name and Address
BOC – Bell Operating Company
BOSS – Baseline Operating Systems Security
BP – Billing Percentage
BPON – Broadband Passive Optical Network
BPP – Billed Party Preference
bps – Bits Per Second
BR – Bit Rate
BR – Business Relations
BRI – Basic Rate Interface
BSA – Basic Service Area
BSA – Basic Switching Arrangement
BSA – Basic Service Arrangement
BSE – Basic Service Element
BTA – Basic Trading Area
BTE – Base Terminating Equipment
BTOP – Broadband Technology Opportunities Program of NTIA
BTS – Base Transceiver Station
BVA – Billing Verification Application
BW – Bandwidth

C

C2C – Connect2Compete (FCC Program)
C&WF – Cable and Wire Facility
CA – Certification Authority
CB – Certification Body
CABS – Carrier Access Billing System
CAC – Carrier Access Code
CAC – Circuit Administration Center
CAC – Connection Admission Control
CAC – Customer Administration Center

CACM – Connect America Cost Model
CAF – Connect America Fund
CAF BLS – Connect America Fund Broadband Loop Support
CAF ICC – Connect America Fund Inter-carrier Compensation
CALEA – Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act of 1994
CALLS – Coalition for Affordable Local and Long Distance Service
CAM – Cost Allocation Manual
CAMA – Centralized Automatic Message Accounting
CAN-SPAM – Controlling the Assault of Non-Solicited Pornography and Marketing Act of 2003
CAP – Competitive Access Provider
CAP – Cost Analysis Procedures
CAPEX – Capital Expense
CARE – Customer Account Record Exchange
CAT – Category
CATV – Cable Television
CBIC – Carrier Billing Inquiry Center
CBOL – Consumer Broadband Only Loop
CBR – Constant Bit Rate
CBT – Computer Based Training
CC – Company Code
CC – Common Carrier Bureau Docket
CCB – Common Carrier Bureau of the FCC (now Wireline Competition Bureau)
CCC – Clear Channel Capability
CCF – Call Control Function
CCIS – Common Channel Interoffice Signaling System
CCL – Carrier Common Line
CCM – Connectivity Check Message
CCNA – Customer Carrier Name Abbreviation
CCS – Common Channel Signaling
CCSA – Common Control Switching Arrangement
CCT – Circuit
CDAR – Customer Detailed Account Recording
CDC – Call Data Channel
CDMA – Code Division Multiple Access
CDP – Customer Designated Premise
CDR – Call Detail Recording
CE – Carrier Ethernet
CE – Connection Endpoint
CEA – Centralized Equal Access
CEI Plan – Comparably Efficient Interconnection Plan

CESR – Carrier Ethernet Switch/Router
CET – Carrier Ethernet Transport
CETC – Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carrier
CFM – Connectivity Fault Management
CFR – Code of Federal Regulations
CGB – Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau of the FCC
CHOK – Choke Network (Trunk Access Limitation Arrangement)
CI – Channel Interface
CI – Customer Installation
CIB – Consumer Information Bureau
CIC – Carrier Identification Code
CIMAP – Circuit Installation and Maintenance Assistance Package
CIPA – Children’s Internet Protection Act
CIR – Committed Information Rate
CKT – Circuit
CL – Common Line
CLASS – Customer Local Area Signaling Service
CLCI – Common Language Circuit Identifier
CLE – Customer Located Equipment (CPE)
CLEC – Competitive Local Exchange Carrier
CLEI – Common Language Equipment Identifier
CLI – Calling Line Identification
CLLI™ – Common Language Location Identifier
CM – Cable Modem
CM – Channel Mileage
CMA – Cellular Market Area
CMDS – Centralized Message Distribution System
CMF – Channel Mileage Facility
CMR – Centralized Mail Remittance
CMRS – Commercial Mobile Radio Services
CMT – Channel Mileage Termination
CMTS – Cable Modem Termination System
CN – Called Number
CN – Charge Number
CN – Customer Node
CNA – Customer Name and Address
CNP – Charge Number Parameter
CNS – Complementary Network Service
CO – Central Office
COAM – Customer Owned and Main
COCOT – Customer–Owned Coin–Operated Telephone
COE – Central Office Equipment

COE – Connection Oriented Ethernet
COG – Centralized Operations Group
COLR – Carrier of Last Resort
COMPTEL – Competitive Telecommunications Association
COP – Central Office Port
CoS – Class of Service
COSMOS – Computer System for Mainframe Operations
COTS – Commercial–Off–the–Shelf
CPD – Competition Policy Division of the FCC
CPE – Customer Premises Equipment
CPE – Customer Provided Equipment
CPI – Consumer Price Index
CPL – Cost Per Loop
CPN – Calling Party Number
CPNI – Customer Proprietary Network Information
CPOC – Carrier Point of Contact
CPP – Customer Premise Port
CPU – Central Processing Unit
QBAT – CostQuest Broadband Analysis Tool
CRIS – Customer Records Information System
CSOC – Carrier Service Order Center
CSP – Carrier Selection Parameter
CSP – Communications Service Provider
CSU – Customer Service Unit
CSWC – Customer Serving Wire Center
CT – Channel Termination
CTIA – Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association
CTX – Centrex
CWC – Cash Working Capital
CWDM – Coarse Wavelength Division Multiplexing
CWF – Cable and Wire Facility

D

DA – Destination Address
DA – Directory Assistance
DACS – Digital Access and Cross Connect System
dB – decibel
DBAS – Data Base Administration System
DBMS – Data Base Management System
DBN – Database Node
dBrnC – Decibel Reference Noise C–Message Weighting
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dc – direct current

DCS – Digital Cross Connect System
DD – Digital Data
DDD – Direct Distance Dialing
DDS – Digital Data System (service)
DDS – Dataphone Digital Service
DEM – Dial Equipment Minutes
DEMS – Digital Electronic Message Service
DES – Data Encryption Standard
DID – Direct Inward Dialing
DL – Digital Literacy
DLC – Digital Line Concentrator
DLC – Digital Loop Carrier
DLEC – Data Local Exchange Carrier
DLR – Design Layout Report
DMA – Data Month Adjustment
DME – Data Month Estimate
DME – Distance Measuring Equipment
DMS – Digital Multiplexed System
DMT – Discrete Multi-Tone
DNCC – Data Network Control Center
DNIC – Data Network Identification Code
DNL – Dialed Number Line
DNPA – Digital Numbering Plan Area
DNS – Domain Name Server, Service or System
DOD – Direct Outward Dial
DOS – Denial of Service
DPA – Discount Pricing Arrangement
DRM – Digital Rights Management
DRO – Disability Rights Office of the FCC
DS – Digital Signal
DS0 – Digital Signal Level 0
DS1 – Digital Signal Level 1 (1.544 Mbps service)
DS1C – Digital Signal Level 1C
DS3 – Digital Signal Level 3
DS4 – Digital Signal Level 4
DSA – Dialing Service Assistance
DSE – Digital Switching Exchange
DSL – Digital Subscriber Line
DSLAM – Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer
DSU – Digital Service Unit
DSX – Digital Signal Cross Connect (x) System
DT – Dedicated Transport

DTF – Direct Trunked Facility
DTL – Dial Tone Line
DTMF – Dual Tone Multi-Frequency
DTO – Dial Tone Office
DTT – Direct Trunked Transport
DTV – Digital Television
DWDM – Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing

E

E2E – End to End
E 9-1-1 – Enhanced 911
EA – Equal Access
EACR – Equal Access Cost Recovery
EAMI – Equal Access Mechanized Interface
EAS – Extended Area Service
EB – Enforcement Bureau of the FCC
EC – Exchange Carrier
ECD-SWC – Exchange Carrier Designated-Serving Wire Center
ECFS – Electronic Comment Filing System of the FCC
E-DCC – Ethernet Digital Cross Connect
EDD – Envelope Delay Distortion
EDD – Ethernet Demarcation Device
EDI – Electronic Document Interchange
EDTV – Extended Definition Television
EEL – Enhanced Extended Link
EEPP – End-to-End Path Protection
EES – Entry/Exit Surrogate
EF – Entrance Facility
EFM – Ethernet in the First Mile
EFT – Electronic Funds Transfer
E-LMI – Ethernet Local Management Interface
EMI – Exchange Message Interface
EML – Expected Measured Loss
EMR – Exchange Message Record
EMS – Electronic Message System
EMS – Ethernet Management Systems
eMTA – Enhanced Multimedia Terminal Adapter (cable)
ENFIA – Exchange Network Facilities for Interstate Access
E-NNI – Extended Network to Network Interface
EO – End Office
EoC – Ethernet over Copper
EOC – Embedded Operations Channel
EOT – Expenses & Other Taxes

EoX – Ethernet over any media
EPL – Echo Path Loss
EPON – Ethernet Passive Optical Network
EPVC – Extended Permanent Virtual Connect
E-rate – Education Rate
ER – Eligible Recovery
ERL – Echo Return Loss
ERTA – Eastern Rural Telecom Association
ES – End System
ESE – Ethernet Service Edge
ESP – Enhanced Service Provider
ESS – Electronic Switching System
ESSEX – ESS Centrex Service
ESSX – Electronic Switching System Exchange
ETC – Eligible Telecommunications Carrier
ETN – Electronic Tandem Network
ETS – Electronic Tandem Service
ETS – Ethernet Transport Service
ETS E-EVC – ETS Extended Ethernet Virtual Connection
ETS I-EVC – ETS Interconnected Ethernet Virtual Connection
EVC – Ethernet Virtual Connection
EU – End User
EUCL – End User Common Line
EXCH – Exchange
EXP – Expenses

F

f – frequency
FACS – Facilities Assignment and Control System
FANI – Flexible Automatic Number Identification
FAQ – Frequently Asked Questions
FCC – Federal Communications Commission
FCoE – Fiber Channel over Ethernet
FD – Frame Delay
FDV – Frame Delay Variation
FDM – Frequency Division Multiplexing
FEC – Forward Error Correction
FG – Feature Group
FGA – Feature Group A
FGB – Feature Group B
FGC – Feature Group C
FGD – Feature Group D
FHCS – Frozen High Cost Support

FID – Field Identifier
FIFO – First In First Out
FILO – First In Last Out
FIT – Federal Income Tax
FITL – Fiber In The Loop
Flex ANI – Flexible Automatic Number Identification
FM – Frequency Modulation
FMC – Fixed Mobile Convergence
FNPRM – Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
FOC – Firm Order Confirmation
FOIA – Freedom of Information Act
FR – Federal Register
FRAC – Frame Relay Access Connection
FRAS – Frame Relay Access Service
FRIC – Frame Relay Interexchange Connection
FRN – Funding Request Number
FRO – Fixed Rate Option
FSP – Frame Sync Polarity
FTC – Federal Trade Commission
FTN – Forward To Number
FTTB – Fiber to the Building
FTTC – Fiber to the Curb
FTTH – Fiber To The Home
FTTN – Fiber to the Node
FTTP – Fiber To The Premise
FTTX – Fiber To The X
FUSC – Federal Universal Service Charge
FX – Foreign Exchange
FY – Fiscal Year

G

GAB – Group Access Bridge
GAO – Government Accountability Office
GAR – Generic Attribute Registration Protocol
GbE – Gigabit Ethernet
GB – Gigabyte
Gbps – Gigabits per second
GDP-CPI – Gross Domestic Product Chained Price Index
GETS – Government Emergency Telecommunications Service
G-MPLS – Generalized Multi Protocol Label Switching
GPON – Gigabit Passive Optical Network
GPS – Global Positioning System
GTR – NECA's Guide to Telecom Rules

GUI – Graphical User Interface

GW – Gateway

H

H/R – Host/Remote

HC – High Capacity

HC – High Cost

HCDS – High Capacity Digital System

HCL – High Cost Loop

HCLS – High Cost Loop Support

HCM – High Cost Model

HD – High Definition

HDSL – High Bit Rate Digital Subscriber Line

HDTV – High Definition Television

HDX – Half Duplex Operation

HF – High Frequency

HFC – Hybrid Fiber Coaxial Cable

HICAP – High Capacity

HPC – High Probability of Completion

Hz – Hertz

I

IA – Implementation Agreement

laaS – Infrastructure as a Service

IAS – Interstate Access Support

IATD – Industry Analysis and Technology Division of the FCC

IB – International Bureau of the FCC

IC – Interconnection Charge (Switched Access)

IC – Interexchange Carrier

ICA – Interconnection Agreement

ICAPP – Interexchange Customer Access Planning & Provisioning

ICB – Individual Case Basis

ICC – Intercarrier Compensation

ICCM – Interexchange Customer Access Planning Manager

ICL – Inserted Connection Loss

ICLS – Interstate Common Line Support

ICPOP – IC Point of Presence

ICPOT – IC Point Of Termination

ICPRG – Interexchange Customer Provisioning Relations Group

ICS – Inmate Calling Service

ICSC – Interexchange Customer Service Center

ICSWC – IC Serving Wire Center

IDC – Interest During Construction

IDDD – International Direct Distance Dialing

IDSL – ISDN based Digital Subscriber Line

IDTV – Improved Definition Television

IEEE – Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

ILEC – Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier

IM – Intermediary Marketing

INA – Information Networking Architecture

INID – Integrated Network Interface Device

INID – Intelligent Network Interface Device

INT – Intermediate

InterLATA – Inter-Local Access and Transport Area

IntraLATA – Intra-Local Access and Transport Area

IP – Internet Protocol

IPDR – Internet Protocol Detail Record

IPG – Internet Protocol Gateway

IPIA – Improper Payments Information Act

IPO – Independent Payphone Operator

IPP – Independent Payphone Provider

IPTV – Internet Protocol Television

IPv6 – Internet Protocol Version 6

IP VPN – Internet Protocol Virtual Private Network

IS – Information Surcharge

IS – Interstate

iSCSI – Small Computer System Interface protocol over TCP/IP

ISDN – Integrated Services Digital Network

ISDN BRI – Integrated Services Digital Network Basic Rate Interface

ISDN PRI – Integrated Services Digital Network Primary Rate Interface

ISP – Internet Service Provider

ITC – Independent Telephone Company

ITD – Intertoll Dial

ITU – International Telecommunications Union

ITTA – Independent Telephone and Telecommunications Alliance

IXC – Interexchange Carrier

K

kbps – kilobits per second

KBps – Kilobytes per second

kHz – kilohertz

L

L2CP – Layer 2 Control Protocols

L/A – Lifeline Assistance

LACP – Link Aggregation Control Protocol
LAG – Link Aggregation Group
LAMA – Local Automatic Message Accounting
LAN – Local Area Network
LATA – Local Access and Transport Area
LB – Loop Back
LBL – Local Business Line
LBM – Loop Back Message
LBR – Loop Back Reply
LBR VCC – Low Bit Rate Virtual Circuit Connection
LC – Location Code
LCD – Liquid Crystal Display
LCR – Least Cost Router (provider)
LD – Long Distance
LDMTS – Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service
LDS – Local Digital Switch
LEC – Local Exchange Carrier
LERG™ – Local Exchange Routing Guide
LF – Low Frequency
LFACS – Loop Facilities Assignment and Control System
LIDB – Line Information Data Base
LIFO – Last In First Out
LMDS – Local Multipoint Distribution Service
LNP – Local Number Portability
LOA – Letter Of Agency
LPC – Late Payment Charge
LPE – Loops Per Exchange
LRN – Location Routing Number
LRSL – Local Reseller
LS – Local Switching
LSS – Local Switching Support
LT – Local Transport
LTE – Long Term Evolution (4G or 5G)
LTF – Local Transport Facility
LTS – Long Term Support

M

M – Metallic
M – Million
M2M – Machine-to-Machine
ma – milliamperes
MAC – Message Authentication Code
MAG – Multi-Association Group

MAN – Metropolitan Area Network
MB – Media Bureau of the FCC
MB – Megabyte
MBps – Megabytes per second
Mbps – Megabits per second
mcs – Microsecond
MD – Maintenance Domain
MDU – Multi-Dwelling Unit
ME – Maintenance Entity
MECAB – Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing
MEF – Metropolitan Ethernet Forum
MEG – Maintenance Entity Group
MEN – Metropolitan Ethernet Network
MEP – MEG End Point
MF – Mobility Fund
MF – Multi-Frequency
MFA – Multifunctional Access
MFJ – Modification of Final Judgment
MFS – Metropolitan Fiber System
MHz – Megahertz
MIMO – Multiple-Input Multiple-Output
MIP – Maintenance Entity Intermediate Point
MLT – Mechanized Loop Testing
MMUC – Minimum Monthly Usage Charge
MM-VCC – MultiMedia Virtual Circuit Channel
MOCA – Multimedia over Coax Alliance
MO&O – Memorandum Opinion & Order
MOU – Minutes of Use
MP – Meet Point
MPLS – Multi Protocol Label Switching
MPX – Multiplexing
MRC – Monthly Recurring Charge
MS – Milliseconds
MS – Multiple State
MSA – Market Service Area
MSA – Metropolitan Statistical Area
MSAP – Multi-Service Access Platform
MSC – Mobile Switching Center
MSO – Mobile Switching Office
MSO – Multiple System Operator (cable)
MSPP – Multi Service Provisioning Platforms
MT – Metallic

MTA – Major Trading Area
MTA – Mobile Telephone Area
MTA – Multimedia Terminal Adapter (cable)
MTS – Message Telecommunications Service(s)
MTSO – Mobile Telephone Switching Office
MTU – Maximum Transfer Unit
MUX – Multiplexing (or Multiplexer)

N

NAC – Network Administration Center
NACPL – National Average Cost Per Loop
NANC – North American Numbering Council
NANP – North American Numbering Plan
NANPA – North American Numbering Plan Administrator
NAP – Network Access Point
NARUC – National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners
NBANC – North American Billing and Collection, Inc.
NBH – Network Busy Hour
NBM – National Broadband Map
NBP – National Broadband Plan
NC – Network Channel
NCC – Network Channel Code
NCI – Network Channel Interface Code
NCTA – Non-conversation Time Additive
NCTA – National Cable & Telecommunications Association
NCTE – Network Channel Terminating Equipment
NE – Network Element
NECA – National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.
NFV – Network Function Virtualization
NG911 – Next Generation 911
NGIIF – Next Generation Interconnection Interoperability Forum
NGN – Next Generation Network
NID – Network Interface Device
NNI – Network to Network Interface
NOF – Networks Operations Forum
NOI – Notice of Inquiry
NPA – Numbering Plan Area
NPAC – Number Portability Administrative Center
NPRM – Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
NRC – Nonrecurring Charge
NRTA – National Rural Telecom Association
NRTC – National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative
NRUCFC – National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation

NRUF – Numbering Resource Utilization and Forecast
NSP – Network Service Provider
NTCA – National Telecommunications Cooperative Association
NTIA – National Telecommunications and Information Administration of United States Department of Commerce
NTS – Non-Traffic Sensitive
NXX – Three-Digit Central Office Prefix

O

O2E – Optical to Ethernet
OAM – Operations, Administration and Maintenance
OAM&P – Operations, Administration, Maintenance and Provisioning
OB&C – Other Billing and Collecting
OBF – Ordering and Billing Forum
OBI – Omnibus Broadband Initiative
OC – Optical Carrier
OC – Optical Channel
OC&C – Other Charges and Credits
OC1 – Optical Carrier Level 1
OC3 – Optical Carrier Level 3
OC12 – Optical Carrier Level 12
OC48 – Optical Carrier Level 48
OC192 – Optical Carrier Level 192
OC768 – Optical Carrier Level 768
OCC – Other Common Carrier
OCN – Operating Company Number
OCP – Optional Calling Plan
ODF – Optical Distribution Frame
ODU – Optical Data Unit
OFF – Optional Features and Functions
OGC – Office of General Counsel of the FCC
OI – Office Indicator
OIG – Office of Inspector General of the FCC
OLS – Originating Line Screening
OLT – OPTICAL LINE TERMINATION
OMB – Federal Government's Office of Management and Budget
OMD – Office of Managing Director of the FCC
ONA – Open Network Architecture
ONAL – Off Network Access Line
ONP – Optical Network Platform
ONT – Optical Network Termination
ONU – Optical Network Unit

OPASTCO – Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies

OPC – Originating Point Code

OPEX – Operating Expense

OPX – Off Premise Extension

OSP – Outside Plant

OSP – Operator Services Position System

OSP – Operator Service Provider

OSPF – Open Shortest Path First

OSS – Operational Services System

OSS – Operational Support System

OT – Office Type Code

OTH – Optical Transport Hierarchy

OTN – Optical Transport Network

P

P2P – Point to Point or Peer to Peer

PA – Program Audio

PA – Pooling Administrator

PBB-TE – Provider Backbone Bridging Traffic Engineering

PBX – Private Branch Exchange

PC – Point Code

PC – Price Cap

PCF – Preferred Carrier Freeze

PCI – Price Cap Index

PCL – Percent Common Line

PCM – Pulse Code Modulation

PCN – Personal Communications Network

PCS – Personal Communications Services

PDA – Personal Digital Assistant

PDN – Public Data Network

PDU – Protocol Data Unit

PFC – Petition for Clarification

PFR – Petition for Reconsideration

PFRM – Petition for Rulemaking

PIC – Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier

PIC – Primary Interexchange Carrier

PICC – Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier Charge

PIN – Personal Identification Number

PIU – Percent Interstate Usage

PLU – Percent Local Usage

POI – Point of Interface

POLR – Provider of Last Resort

PON – Passive Optical Network

PON – Purchase Order Number

POP – Point of Presence

POT – Point of Termination

POTS – Plain Old Telephone Service

P-OTS – Packet Optical Transport Service

PPC – Primary Point Code

PPD – Pricing Policy Division of the FCC

PPDN – Public Packet Data Network

PPNA – Prior Period Net Adjustment

PPO – Payphone Operator

PPP – Point-to-Point Protocol

PPSN – Public Packet Switched Network

PRA – Paperwork Reduction Act

PRI – Primary Rate Interface

PSAP – Public Safety Answering Point

PSC – Public Service Commission

PSDS – Public Switched Digital Service

PSL – Presubscribed Line

PSN – Public Switched Network

PSP – Payphone Service Provider

PSTN – Public Switched Telephone Network

PTP – Precision Time Protocol

PUC – Public Utilities Commission

PVC – Permanent Virtual Connection

PVN – Private Virtual Network

PVR – PIC Verification Report

Q

QoE – Quality of Experience

QoS – Quality of Service

QRA – Quantile Regression Analysis

R

RADSL – Rate Adaptive Digital Subscriber Line

RAF – Remote Areas Fund

RAN – Radio Access Network

RAO – Responsible Accounting Officer

RBE – Rural Broadband Experiment

RBOC – Regional Bell Operating Company

RCC – Radio Common Carrier

RDI – Remote Defect Indication

RDT – Remote Digital Terminal

REA – Rural Electrification Administration
RED – Rapid Early Detection
RFA – Regulatory Flexibility Act
RFP – Request For Proposal
RHC – Regional Holding Company
RHCC – Rural Health Care Corporation
RHCP – Rural Health Care Provider
RHD – Rural Health Care Division of USAC
RLEC – Rural Local Exchange Carrier
RM – Restructure Mechanism
ROADM – Reconfigurable Optical Add/Drop Multiplexing
ROFR – Right of First Refusal
ROI – Return On Investment
RoR – Rate of Return
RPR – Resilient Packet Ring
RRQ – Revenue Requirement
RSA – Rural Service Area
RSM – Remote Switching Modules
RSO – Remote Switching Office
RSTP – Rapid Spanning Tree Protocol (IEEE 802.1w)
RSTP – Real-Time Streaming Protocol (RFC 2326)
RSS – Remote Switching System
RTC – Rural Telephone Coalition
RTF – Rural Task Force
RUNI – Remote User Network Interface
RUS – Rural Utilities Service

S

SaaS – Software as a Service
SAC – Study Area Code
SAN – Storage Area Network
SAS – Special Access Surcharge
SBI – Switching Band Index
SBC – Session Border Controller
SBR – Switched-Based Reseller
SCC – State Corporation Commission
SCIS – Switching Cost Information System
SCP – Service Control Point
SCSI – Small Computer System Interface
SDC – System Design Consultant
SDH – Synchronous Digital Hierarchy (SONET)
SDN – Software Defined Networking
SDSL – Symmetric Digital Subscriber Line

SDV – Switched Digital Video (cable)
SEAS – Signaling System Engineering & Administration System
SEC – Securities and Exchange Commission
SECAB – Small Exchange Carrier Access Billing Specification
SECNCI – Secondary NCI
SHDSL – Symmetric High-Speed Digital Subscriber Line
SIP – **Session Initiated Protocol**
SIS – Separations Information System
SLA – Service Level Agreement
SLC – Subscriber Line Charge
SLC – Subscriber Loop Carrier
S&LC – Schools and Libraries Corporation
SLD – Schools and Libraries Division of USAC
SLM – Synthetic Loss Measurement
SMA – Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area
SMDI – Station Message Detail Interface
SMDS – Switched Multimegabit Data Service
SMF – Signaling Mileage Facility
SMS – Short Message Service
SMS – Service Management System
SMSA – Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area
SMT – Signaling Mileage Termination
SNA – Safety Net Additive
SNAL – Signaling Network Access Line
SOAC – Service Order Analysis and Control System
SOAP – Simple Open Access Protocol
SOCS – Synchronous Optical Channel Service
SONET – Synchronous Optical Network
SOP – Service Order Processor
SP – Signaling Point
SPA – Special Access
SPF – Subscriber Plant Factor
SPIN – Service Provider Identification Number
SPOC – Single Point Of Contact
SPOI – Signaling Point of Interface
SPVC – Standard Permanent Virtual Connection
SRL – Singing Return Loss
SS7 – Signaling System 7
SSN – Switched Service Network
SSP – Service Switching Point
STB – Set-top Box
STP – Signal Transfer Point

STS – Synchronous Transport Signal

SV – Safety Valve

SVC – Service Type

SVS – Safety Valve Support

SW – Switched

SWA – Switched Access

SWC – Serving Wire Center

T

TAC – Technological Advisory Council

TAPD – Telecommunications Access Policy Division of the FCC

T/O – Terminating/Originating Ratio

TBNP – Thousand Block Number Pooling

TCM – Time Compression Multiplexing

TCPA – Telephone Consumer Protection Act

TDDRA – Congress' 1992 Telephone Disclosure and Dispute Resolution Act

TDM – Time Division Multiplexing

TDP – Term Discount Plan

TELRIC – Total Element Long-Run Incremental Cost

TES – Telephone Exchange Service

TG – Telegraph Grade

TGN – Trunk Group Number

TIC – Transport Interconnection Charge

TIRKS – Trunk Integrated Recordkeeping System

TLP – Transmission Level Point

TLS – Transparent LAN Service

TMOC – Telecom Management Operations Committee

T-MPLS – Transport Multi Protocol Label Switching

TOPS – Traffic Operator Service System

TPIS – Telecommunications Plant In Service

TPUC – Telephone Plant under Construction

TPV – Third Party Verification

TRP – Tariff Review Plan

TRS – Telecommunications Relay Service

TS – Tandem Switching

TS – Traffic Sensitive

TSC – Two-Six Code

TSF – Tandem Switched Facility

TSP – Telecommunications Service Provider

TSPS – Traffic Service Position System

TST – Tandem-Switched Transport

TV – Television

U

U/S – Universal Service

UBR – Unspecified Bit Rate

ULEC – Unbundled Local Exchange Carrier

UNE – Unbundled Network Element

UNI – User Network Interface

UNI-C – UNI at Customer Equipment

UNI-MEG – UNI Maintenance Entity Group

UNI-N – UNI at Service Provider Equipment

UPSR – Uni-directional Path Switched Ring

USAC – Universal Service Administrative Company

USB – Universal Serial Bus

USDA – United States Department of Agriculture

USDOT – United States Department of Transportation

USF – Universal Service Fund

USO – Universal Service Obligation

USOA – Uniform System of Accounts

USOC – Uniform Service Order Code

USPS – United States Postal Service

USSM – Universal Service Support Mechanism

V

V – Video

V & H – Vertical & Horizontal

VAN – Value Added Network

VAS – Value Added Service

VBR-nrt – Variable Bit Rate – non-real time

VBR-rt – Variable Bit Rate – real time

VC – Virtual Channel

VCC – Virtual Circuit Channel

VDSL – Very High Bit Rate Digital Subscriber Line

VDSL2 – Very High Bit Rate Digital Subscriber Line – next generation

VF – Voice Frequency

VG – Voice Grade

VLAN – Virtual Local Area Network

VM – Virtual Machine

VM Ware – Virtual Machine Software

VOD – Video On Demand

VoDSL – Voice Over Digital Subscriber Line

VoIP – Voice over Internet Protocol

VP – Virtual Path

VPLS – Virtual Private LAN Service

VPN – Virtual Private Network

V-PON – Virtual Passive Optical Network

VRS – Video Relay Service

VSAT – Very Small Aperture Terminal

W

WAC – Wireless Access Coalition

WACC – Weighted Average Cost of Capital

WAL – WATS Access Line

WAN – Wide Area Network

WATS – Wide Area Telecommunications Service

WBI – Wireline Broadband Internet

WC – Wire Center

WCB – Wireline Competition Bureau of the FCC

WCH – Wire Center Horizontal Coordinates

WCV – Wire Center Vertical Coordinates

WDM – Wave Division Multiplexing

WFQ – Weighted Fair Queuing

WISP – Wireless Internet Service Provider

WLL – Wireless Local Loop

WRED – Weighted Random Early Detection

WSC – Wireless Switching Center

WSO – WATS Serving Office

WSS – Wavelength Selective Switching

WTA – WTA Advocates for Rural Broadband

WTB – Wireless Telecommunications Bureau of the FCC

X

xDSL – Digital Subscriber Line (all types)

Y

Y2Y – Year to Year