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Subpart A—General Information

§ 53.1 Basis and purpose.

(a) *Basis.* The rules in this part are issued pursuant to the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

(b) *Purpose.* The purpose of the rules in this part is to implement sections 271 and 272 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 271 and 272.

§ 53.3 Terms and definitions.

Terms used in this part have the following meanings:

Act. The Act means the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Affiliate. An affiliate is a person that (directly or indirectly) owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, another person. For purposes of this part, the term “own” means to own an equity interest (or the equivalent thereof) of more than 10 percent.

AT&T Consent Decree. The AT&T Consent Decree is the order entered August 24, 1982, in the antitrust action styled *United States v. Western Electric*, Civil Action No. 82–0192, in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, and any judgment or order with respect to such action entered on or after August 24, 1982.

Bell Operating Company (BOC). The term *Bell operating company*

(1) Means any of the following companies: Bell Telephone Company of Nevada, Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Indiana Bell Telephone Company, Incorporated, Michigan Bell Telephone Company, New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, New Jersey Bell Telephone Company, New York Telephone Company, U S West Communications Company, South Central Bell Telephone Company, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, The Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Maryland, The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Virginia, The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of West Virginia,