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Subpart A—General Information

§54.1 Basis and purpose.

(a) *Basis*. These rules are issued pursuant to the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

(b) *Purpose*. The purpose of these rules is to implement section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 USC 254.

§54.5 Terms and definitions.

Terms used in this part have the following meanings:

Act. The term "Act" refers to the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

Administrator. The term "Administrator" shall refer to the Universal Service Administrative Company that is an independent subsidiary of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., and that has been appointed the