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# § 64.2201 Ringing indication requirements.

- (a) A long-distance voice service provider shall not convey a ringing indication to the calling party until the terminating provider has signaled that the called party is being alerted to an incoming call, such as by ringing.
- (1) If the terminating provider signals that the called party is being alerted and provides an audio tone or announcement, originating providers must cease any locally generated audible tone or announcement and convey the terminating provider's tone or announcement to the calling party.
- (2) The requirements in this paragraph apply to all voice call signaling and transmission technologies and to all long-distance voice service providers, including local exchange carriers as defined in §64.4001(e), interexchange carriers as defined in §64.4001(d), providers of commercial mobile radio service as defined in §20.3 of this chapter, providers of interconnected voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service as defined in 47 U.S.C. 153(25), and providers of non-interconnected VoIP service as defined in 47 U.S.C. 153(36) to the extent such providers offer the capability to place calls to or receive calls from the public switched telephone network.
- (b) Intermediate providers must return unaltered to providers in the call path any signaling information that indicates that the terminating provider is alerting the called party, such as by ringing.
- (1) An intermediate provider may not generate signaling information that indicates the terminating provider is alerting the called party. An intermediate provider must pass the signaling information indicating that the called party is being alerted unaltered to subsequent providers in the call path.
- (2) Intermediate providers must also return unaltered any audio tone or announcement provided by the terminating provider.
- (3) In this section, the term "intermediate provider" has the same meaning as in  $\S64.1600(f)$ .
- (4) The requirements in this section apply to all voice call signaling and transmission technologies.

(c) The requirements in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section apply to both interstate and intrastate calls, as well as to both originating and terminating international calls while they are within the United States.

# Subpart X—Subscriber List Information

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## § 64.2301 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 222(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 222. Section 222(e) requires that "a telecommunications carrier that provides telephone exchange service shall provide subscriber list information gathered in its capacity as a provider of such service on a timely and unbundled basis, under non-discriminatory and reasonable rates, terms, and conditions, to any person upon request for the purpose of publishing directories in any format."

# § 64.2305 Definitions.

Terms used in this subpart have the following meanings:

- (a) Base file subscriber list information. A directory publisher requests base file subscriber list information when the publisher requests, as of a given date, all of a carrier's subscriber list information that the publisher wishes to include in one or more directories.
- (b) *Business subscriber*. Business subscriber refers to a subscriber to telephone exchange service for businesses.
- (c) Primary advertising classification. A primary advertising classification is the principal business heading under which a subscriber to telephone exchange service for businesses chooses to be listed in the yellow pages, if the carrier either assigns that heading or is obligated to provide yellow pages listings as part of telephone exchange service to businesses. In other circumstances, a primary advertising classification is the classification of a subscriber to telephone exchange service as a business subscriber.

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- (d) Residential subscriber. Residential subscriber refers to a subscriber to telephone exchange service that is not a business subscriber.
- (e) Subscriber list information. Subscriber list information is any information:
- (1) Identifying the listed names of subscribers of a carrier and such subscribers' telephone numbers, addresses, or primary advertising classifications (as such classifications are assigned at the time of the establishment of such listed names, numbers, addresses, or classifications; and
- (2) That the carrier or an affiliate has published, caused to be published, or accepted for publication in any directory format.
- (f) Telecommunications carrier. A telecommunications carrier is any provider of telecommunications services, except that such term does not include aggregators of telecommunications services (as defined in 47 U.S.C. 226(a)(2)).
- (g) Telephone exchange service. Telephone exchange service means:
- (1) Service within a telephone exchange, or within a connected system of telephone exchanges within the same exchange area operated to furnish to subscribers intercommunicating service of the character ordinarily furnished by a single exchange, and which is covered by the exchange service charge, or
- (B) Comparable service provided through a system of switches, transmission equipment, or other facilities (or combination thereof) by which a subscriber can originate and terminate a telecommunications service.
- (h) Updated subscriber list information. A directory publisher requests updated subscriber list information when the publisher requests changes to all or any part of a carrier's subscriber list information occurring between specified dates.

# § 64.2309 Provision of subscriber list information.

(a) A telecommunications carrier that provides telephone exchange service shall provide subscriber list information gathered in its capacity as a provider of such service on a timely

and unbundled basis, under nondiscriminatory and reasonable rates, terms, and conditions, to any person upon request for the purpose of publishing directories in any format.

(b) The obligation under paragraph (a) to provide a particular telephone subscriber's subscriber list information extends only to the carrier that provides that subscriber with telephone exchange service.

## §64.2313 Timely basis.

- (a) For purposes of §64.2309, a telecommunications carrier provides subscriber list information on a timely basis only if the carrier provides the requested information to the requesting directory publisher either:
- (1) At the time at which, or according to the schedule under which, the directory publisher requests that the subscriber list information be provided;
- (2) When the carrier does not receive at least thirty days advance notice of the time the directory publisher requests that subscriber list information be provided, on the first business day that is at least thirty days from date the carrier receives that request; or
- (3) At a time determined in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section.
- (b) If a carrier's internal systems do not permit the carrier to provide subscriber list information within either of the time frames specified in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, the carrier shall:
- (1) Within thirty days of receiving the publisher's request, inform the directory publisher that the requested schedule cannot be accommodated and tell the directory publisher which schedules can be accommodated; and
- (2) Adhere to the schedule the directory publisher chooses from among the available schedules.

#### §64.2317 Unbundled basis.

- (a) A directory publisher may request that a carrier unbundle subscriber list information on any basis for the purpose of publishing one or more directories.
- (b) For purposes of §64.2309, a telecommunications carrier provides subscriber list information on an unbundled basis only if the carrier provides: