

(c) *Phase II triggers.* To obtain Phase II pricing flexibility, as specified in § 69.727(b) of this part, for channel terminations between LEC end offices and customer premises, a price cap LEC must show that, in the relevant area as described in § 69.707, competitors unaffiliated with the price cap LEC have collocated:

(1) In 65 percent of the petitioner's wire centers, and that at least one such collocator in each wire center is using transport facilities owned by a transport provider other than the price cap LEC to transport traffic from that wire center; or

(2) In wire centers accounting for 85 percent of the petitioner's revenues from channel terminations between LEC end offices and customer premises, determined as specified in § 69.725, and that at least one such collocator in each wire center is using transport facilities owned by a transport provider other than the price cap LEC to transport traffic from that wire center.

§ 69.713 Common line, traffic-sensitive, and tandem-switched transport services.

(a) *Scope.* This paragraph governs requests for pricing flexibility with respect to the following services:

(1) Common line services, as described in §§ 69.152, 69.153, and 69.154.

(2) Services in the traffic-sensitive basket, as described in § 61.42(d)(2) of this chapter.

(3) The traffic-sensitive components of tandem-switched transport services, as described in §§ 69.111(a)(2)(i) and (ii).

(b) *Phase I triggers.* (1) To obtain Phase I pricing flexibility, as specified in § 69.727(a), for the services identified in paragraph (a) of this section, a price cap LEC must provide convincing evidence that, in the relevant area as described in § 69.707, its unaffiliated competitors, in aggregate, offer service to at least 15 percent of the price cap LEC's customer locations.

(2) For purposes of the showing required by paragraph (b)(1) of this section, the price cap LEC may not rely on service the competitors provide solely by reselling the price cap LEC's services, or provide through unbundled network elements as defined in § 51.5 of this chapter, except that the price cap

LEC may rely on service the competitors provide through the use of the price cap LEC's unbundled loops.

(c) [Reserved]

§§ 69.714–69.724 [Reserved]

§ 69.725 Attribution of revenues to particular wire centers.

If a price cap LEC elects to show, in accordance with § 69.709 or § 69.711, that competitors have collocated in wire centers accounting for a certain percentage of revenues from the services at issue, the LEC must make the following revenue allocations:

(a) For entrance facilities and channel terminations between an IXC POP and a serving wire center, the petitioner shall attribute all the revenue to the serving wire center.

(b) For channel terminations between a LEC end office and a customer premises, the petitioner shall attribute all the revenue to the LEC end office.

(c) For any dedicated service routed through multiple wire centers, the petitioner shall attribute 50 percent of the revenue to the wire center at each end of the transmission path, unless the petitioner can make a convincing case in its petition that some other allocation would be more representative of the extent of competitive entry in the MSA or the non-MSA parts of the study area at issue.

§ 69.727 Regulatory relief.

(a) *Phase I relief.* Upon satisfaction of the Phase I triggers specified in § 69.709(b), § 69.711(b), or § 69.713(b) for an MSA or the non-MSA parts of a study area, a price cap LEC will be granted the following regulatory relief in that area for the services specified in § 69.709(a), § 69.711(a), or § 69.713(a), respectively:

(1) Volume and term discounts;

(2) Contract tariff authority, provided that

(i) Contract tariff services are made generally available to all similarly situated customers; and

(ii) The price cap LEC excludes all contract tariff offerings from price cap regulation pursuant to § 61.42(f)(1) of this chapter.

(iii) Before the price cap LEC provides a contract tariffed service, under

§ 69.727(a), to one of its long-distance affiliates, as described in section 272 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, or § 64.1903 of this chapter, the price cap LEC certifies to the Commission that it provides service pursuant to that contract tariff to an unaffiliated customer.

(b) *Phase II relief.* Upon satisfaction of the Phase II triggers specified in § 69.709(c) or § 69.711(c) for an MSA or the non-MSA parts of a study area, a price cap LEC will be granted the following regulatory relief in that area for the services specified in §§ 69.709(a) or 69.711(a), respectively:

- (1) Elimination of the rate structure requirements in subpart B of this part;
- (2) Elimination of price cap regulation; and
- (3) Filing of tariff revisions on one day's notice, notwithstanding the notice requirements for tariff filings specified in § 61.58 of this chapter.

§ 69.729 New services.

(a) Except for new services subject to paragraph (b) of this section, a price cap LEC may obtain pricing flexibility for a new service that has not been incorporated into a price cap basket by demonstrating in its pricing flexibility petition that the new service would be properly incorporated into one of the price cap baskets and service bands for which the price cap LEC seeks pricing flexibility.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this section, a price cap LEC must demonstrate satisfaction of the triggers in § 69.711(b) to be granted pricing flexibility for any new service that falls within the definition of a "channel termination between a LEC end office and a customer premises" as specified in § 69.703(a)(2).

§ 69.731 Low-end adjustment mechanism.

(a) Any price cap LEC obtaining Phase I or Phase II pricing flexibility for any service in any MSA in its service region, or for the non-MSA portion of any study area in its service region, shall be prohibited from making any low-end adjustment pursuant to § 61.45(d)(1)(vii) of this chapter in all or part of its service region.

(b) Any affiliate of any price cap LEC obtaining Phase I or Phase II pricing flexibility for any service in any MSA in its service region shall be prohibited from making any low-end adjustment pursuant to § 61.45(d)(1)(vii) of this chapter in all or part of its service region.

Subpart I—Business Data Services

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§ 69.801 Definitions.

(a) *Business data services.* The dedicated point-to-point transmission of data at certain guaranteed speeds and service levels using high-capacity connections.

(b) *Competitive market test.* The competitive market test is defined in § 69.803.

(c) *County.* A county or county equivalent as defined in § 10.10 of this chapter. County-equivalents include parishes, boroughs, independent cities, census areas, the District of Columbia, and various entities in the territories.

(d) *End user channel termination.* A dedicated channel connecting a local exchange carrier end office and a customer premises, offered for purposes of carrying special access traffic.

(e) *Grandfathered market.* A county that does not satisfy the competitive market test set forth in § 69.803 for which a price cap local exchange carrier obtained Phase II relief pursuant to § 69.711(c).

(f) *Market deemed competitive.* A county that satisfies the competitive market test set forth in § 69.803.

(g) *Market deemed non-competitive.* A county that does not satisfy the competitive market test set forth in § 69.803.

(h) *Non-disclosure agreement.* A non-disclosure agreement is a contract, contractual provision, or tariff provision wherein a party agrees not to disclose certain information shared by the other party.

(i) *Special access data collection.* The special access data collection refers to the data and other information the Commission collected from business data services providers and purchasers