

**CENTRALIZED EQUAL ACCESS SERVICE**

2. General Regulations (Cont'd)

2.6 Definitions (Cont'd)

Centralized Equal Access ("CEA") End Office

A "Centralized Equal Access End Office" is an End Office Switch that is designated as providing equal access services in conjunction with a centralized equal access tandem in the National Exchange Carrier Association ("NECA") Tariff No. 4.

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Central Office Prefix

The term "Central Office Prefix" denotes the first three (3) digits (NXX) of the seven (7) digit telephone number assigned to a customer's Telephone Exchange Service when dialed on a local basis.

Channel(s)

The term "Channel(s)" denotes an electrical, radio or photonic communications path between two (2) or more points of termination.

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Channelize

The term "Channelize" denotes the process of multiplexing-demultiplexing wider bandwidth or higher speed channels into narrower band-width or lower speed channels.

C-Message Noise

The term "C-Message Noise" denotes the frequency weighted average noise within an idle voice channel. The frequency weighting, called C-message, is used to simulate the frequency characteristic of the 500-type telephone set and the hearing of the average subscriber.

C-Notched Noise

The term "C-Notched Noise" denotes the C-message frequency weighted noise on a voice channel with a holding tone, which is removed at the measuring end through a notch (very narrow band) filter.

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Common Channel Signaling Access Network (CCSAN)

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The term "CCSAN" refers to the network that allows call control information to be transmitted separately, or out of-band, from the voice communications path. SS7 is the most recent protocol used for common channel signaling.

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