

**477.10 Definitions.**

1. *a.* “*Local exchange*”, within the meaning of [this subchapter](#), shall refer to a telephone line or lines or to a telephone switchboard or switchboards operating by virtue of a franchise granted by a city furnishing telephonic communication between two or more members of the public within the same city, village, community, locality or neighborhood, which said line or lines or switchboard or switchboards shall be under the same management and control.

*b.* “*Local exchange*” within the meaning of [this subchapter](#) shall not include or refer to privately owned or leased lines or switchboards, operated and used by members of the public other than telephone or telegraph companies as a public utility by which the public is offered telephonic service.

2. “*Local exchange company*” within the meaning of [this subchapter](#), shall refer to any one or more individuals, firms or corporations operating one or more local exchanges as defined in [this section](#).

3. “*Long distance company*” within the meaning of [this subchapter](#) shall refer to and include one or more persons, firms or corporations operating connecting lines between two or more local exchanges, one or more of which local exchanges are owned by a local telephone company other than such person, firm or corporation, over which line or lines telephonic communication is had between members of the public connected with said local exchanges.

[C35, §8308-f1; C39, §8308.1; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, §488.10; C77, 79, 81, §477.10]

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