

199—39.5(476) Service area.

39.5(1) Unless otherwise ordered by the commission, the approved service area for universal service fund support calculations will be the same as the service area currently approved for local service by the commission. Those carriers not currently approved to provide local service are required to provide documentation showing their service area.

39.5(2) In the case of a service area served by a rural telephone company, “service area” means such company’s “study area” unless and until the FCC and the states, after taking into account recommendations of a federal-state joint board instituted under 47 U.S.C. §410(c), effective April 9, 2025, establish a different definition of service area for such company.

39.5(3) In the case of a wireless telecommunications carrier, “service area” means that area where the wireless company has been licensed by the FCC to provide service.

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