(VIII) ANY OTHER FORM OF MOBILE COMMUNICATION.

- (3) "TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE" DOES NOT INCLUDE:
- (I) NONVOICE SERVICES IN WHICH COMPUTER PROCESSING APPLICATIONS ARE USED TO ACT ON THE INFORMATION TO BE TRANSMITTED;
- (II) CABLE SERVICE, AS DEFINED UNDER \$ 602 OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED (47 U.S.C. 522), THAT IS PROVIDED BY A CABLE OPERATOR OVER A CABLE-SYSTEM PURSUANT TO A FRANCHISE GRANTED BY A LOCAL GOVERNMENT; OR
- (III) INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE BY WHICH A CONNECTION IS PROVIDED BETWEEN A COMPUTER AND THE INTERNET.
 8 402.

A franchise tax, measured by gross receipts, is imposed, for each ealendar year, on each public service company doing business in the State.

8. 403.

- (A) [The] FOR A PERSON ENGAGED IN AN ELECTRIC, GAS, OR OIL PIPELINE BUSINESS IN THE STATE, THE public service company franchise tax rate is 2% of gross receipts derived from AN ELECTRIC, GAS, OR OIL PIPELINE business in the State.
- (B) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FOR A PERSON PROVIDING A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE IN THE STATE, THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FRANCHISE TAX RATE IS 5% OF GROSS RECEIPTS DERIVED FROM PROVIDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE IN THE STATE.
- (2) FOR CALENDAR YEARS BEFORE 2000, THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FRANCHISE TAX RATE FOR A PERSON PROVIDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE IN THE STATE IS:
 - (I) 3% FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1998: AND
 - (II) 4%-FOR CALENDAR YEAR-1999.

8-409.

The public service company franchise tax with respect to gross receipts from [long distance] telecommunications service shall be added to and disclosed as an element of the [long distance telecommunications company's] <u>PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY'S</u> charge to the customer for the service.

10-306.

(C) THE ADDITION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER § 10–708 OF THIS TITLE FOR PROPERTY TAXES PAID ON OPERATING REAL PROPERTY BY A PUBLIC UTILITY THAT IS A TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, DETERMINED WITHOUT REGARD TO THE LIMITATION UNDER § 10–708(B) OF THIS TITLE.