

OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, TITLE 4 OF THIS ARTICLE, AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF MARYLAND LAW.

~~(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:~~

~~(B) "COLLOCATION" MEANS THE PLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT OF ONE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN THE PHYSICAL FACILITIES OF ANOTHER TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER.~~

~~(C) "TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER" MEANS A PERSON WHO OFFERS A PRODUCT OR SERVICE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY THROUGH THE FACILITIES OF A BASIC LOCAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE INCLUDING:~~

- ~~(1) A DIGITAL SUBSCRIBER LINE;~~
- ~~(2) LONG-DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICE; AND~~
- ~~(3) LOCAL BASIC TELEPHONE EXCHANGE SERVICE.~~

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~~(A) A TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER MAY NOT KNOWINGLY IMPEDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMPETITION IN A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE MARKET.~~

~~(B) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS. THE REGULATIONS SHALL, AT A MINIMUM, PROHIBIT TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS FROM:~~

~~(1) REFUSING OR DELAYING INTERCONNECTIONS, COLLOCATION, ACCESS TO NETWORK ELEMENTS OR ACCESS TO THE NETWORK ELEMENTS PLATFORM, OR PROVIDING INFERIOR CONNECTIONS TO ANOTHER TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER;~~

~~(2) IMPAIRING THE SPEED, QUALITY, OR EFFICIENCY OF A SERVICE USED BY ANOTHER TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER;~~

~~(3) DELAYING ACCESS IN CONNECTING TO THE LOCAL EXCHANGE NETWORK ANOTHER TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER WHOSE PRODUCT OR SERVICE REQUIRES NOVEL OR SPECIALIZED ACCESS REQUIREMENTS;~~

~~(4) REFUSING OR DELAYING ACCESS BY ANY PERSON TO ANOTHER TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER; AND~~

~~(5) FAILING TO OFFER NETWORK ELEMENTS THAT THE COMMISSION, OR THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, HAS DETERMINED MUST BE OFFERED ON AN UNBUNDLED BASIS TO ANOTHER TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH AN ORDER OR RULE OF THE COMMISSION, OR OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, THAT REQUIRES THE OFFERING.~~

~~(C) IN THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT ADDITIONAL PROHIBITIONS AGAINST ACTIONS THAT IMPEDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPETITION.~~