**Section 763.30 Definitions**

Unless otherwise defined, the following terms as used in this Part shall have the following meanings:

"Administrative Law Judge" means an employee of the Commission, or a Commissioner, designated by the Commission to conduct proceedings pursuant to section 252(e) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 USC 252).

"Commissioner" means a member of the Commission.

"Documents" means petitions, amended and supplemental petitions, written discovery, answers to discovery, motions, responses, replies, notices, suggested findings of fact and conclusions of law, exceptions to Administrative Law Judges' proposed orders, briefs, drafts or suggested forms of order, and similar writings.

"e-Docket" means a Web based electronic filing system that allows electronic filing, management, and access to electronic records that make up case files.

"Electronic" *includes electrical, digital, magnetic, optical, electromagnetic, or any other form of technology that entails capabilities similar to these technologies.* [220 ILCS 5/3-122]

"Electronic document" means a pleading or a document transmitted by electronic means to the Commission with an electronic signature attached.

"Electronic record" *means a record generated, communicated, received, or stored by electronic means for use in an information system or for transmission from one information system to another.* [5 ILCS 175/5-105]

"Electronic signature" means a signature in electronic form issued by the Commission pursuant to Section 763.1020 and consisting of a user I.D. and password attached to or logically associated with an electronic document.

"E-mail address" *means a destination, commonly expressed as a string of characters, to which electronic mail may be sent or delivered.* [815 ILCS 511/5]

"Intervenor" means a person who, upon written petition, is permitted to intervene in any proceeding under this Part.

"Negotiated Agreement" is an agreement, including an amendment to an agreement, negotiated and entered into pursuant to section 252(a) of the Communications Act of 1934 that is subject to Commission approval under section 252(e) of the Communications Act of 1934.

"Negotiated Agreement Filing System" means a Web based electronic filing system that will be used as the initial filing mechanism for all Negotiated Agreements filed for approval of the Illinois Commerce Commission. This system will allow electronic filing, management, and access to the electronic records that make up case files for Negotiated Agreements.

"Party" means any person who enters into a negotiated agreement for which Commission approval is sought under 47 USC 252(e); or, any person allowed by the Commission or an Administrative Law Judge to intervene in a proceeding. Staff is not a party but shall have the specific rights and duties of parties as enumerated in this Part.

"Person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, governmental body or unincorporated association.

"Staff" or "Commission Staff" means individuals employed by the Commission. For purposes of this Part, an Administrative Law Judge is not considered a member of the Commission Staff.

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