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The standards within these rules do not apply to rural telecommunications providers as defined in 4 CCR 723-39-2.17 unless the exemption under 4 CCR 723-39-9 for providing interconnection and network elements has been terminated through the issuance of a final order by the Commission.

RULE (4 CCR) 723-43-2. [reserved for future use]

RULE (4 CCR) 723-43-3. DEFINITIONS.

The meaning of terms used within these rules shall be consistent with their general usage in the telecommunications industry unless specifically defined by Colorado statute or this rule. The definitions contained in 4 CCR 723-2-2 and 4 CCR 723-39-2 shall also apply. As used in these rules, unless context indicates otherwise, the following definitions shall apply:

- 723-43-3.1 <u>Basic Rate Interface ("BRI")</u> refers to the Basic Rate Interface of the ISDN ("Integrated Services Digital Network") and provides two bearer (B) channels each having a nominal capacity of 64 kbit/sec and one data (D) channel with a nominal transmission rate of 16 kbit/sec.
- 723-43-3.2 <u>Bit Error Rate ("BER")</u> states the probability that any given transmitted bit will be erroneously received. BER is the ratio of bits received in error to total number of bits transmitted in a measurement interval.