

ITEM **Exchange Area Service**
100.05

1. Service Description

Exchange Area Service is the provision of telephone service within specific geographic areas. The standard grade of service is individual line service (ILS). In this service ILS provides individual network access.

2. Definitions

For the purposes of this Tariff Item:

“*Community*” refers to a town, village, resort, or Indian Reserve. It must meet the requirements listed in the description of a base rate area.

“*Stable community*” refers to a community that is growing or is expected to grow.

“*Close proximity*” refers to density. It is calculated by:

- (a) joining three customer locations with straight lines to include all the other customers in the area;
- (b) dividing the acreage of that area by the number of customers in the area.

If the result is 2.5 or less, customers are considered to be in close proximity.

“*Permanent*” refers to a household or business that has had continuous local service with SaskTel for a period of 12 consecutive months.

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3. Conditions of Service

1. If customers are located outside the BRA or IBRA, monthly mileage and extra provisioning charges are determined by where the telephone service is located in relation to the boundary of the nearest BRA / IBRA within the same exchange.
2. Locations classified as IBRA status which no longer meet exchange area component qualifications, will be subject to having their status declassified to OBRA status if:
 - (a) the permanent households or businesses with telephone service in close proximity with each other drops below a stable population of 30.
3. Subscribers within the BRA / IBRA do not pay mileage charges or extra provisioning charges.
4. BRA boundaries are usually the same as the community's defined municipal boundary. They exclude any area within the municipal boundary that is classified as agricultural.

Note: Municipal boundaries are registered with the Saskatchewan Department of Rural Development.