**Section 730.100 Application of Part**

a) This Part shall apply to all local exchange carriers offering or providing noncompetitive telecommunications services as defined in Section 13-210 of the Universal Telephone Service Protection Law of 1985 (Law) [220 ILCS 5], except this Part does not apply to Electing Providers as defined in Section 13-506.2(a)(1) of the Public Utilities Act [220 ILCS 5/13-506.2(a)(1)], and except that Sections 730.115(b), 730.535(c), 730.540(d) and (e), and 730.545(h) and (i) are not applicable to telephone cooperatives as defined in Section 13-212 of the Law pursuant to Section 13-701 of the Law. This Part shall only apply to the relationship between a serving local exchange carrier and its end user. This Part shall not apply to the relationship between a serving local exchange carrier that provides wholesale facilities or services to another serving local exchange carrier for provisioning of services to its retail end user customers.

b) This Part does not supersede the authority of, nor prohibit, the Commission from imposing different, additional, or more stringent service quality standards, reporting requirements or penalties upon a carrier pursuant to Section 13-506.1 of the Public Utilities Act (Alternative forms of regulation for noncompetitive services).

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