# Wired and Wireless Telecommunications Services

### <u>OUTPUT</u>

PROVISION OF VOICE AND DATA COMMUNICATIONS VIA TELEPHONE LINES OR THROUGH A RADIO NETWORK

#### WIRED TELECOM SERVICES

-LOCAL SERVICE
-PUBLIC SWITCHED SERVICE
-PRIVATE LINE SERVICE

### LOCAL SERVICE

-BASIC ACCESS TO LOCAL
TELEPHONE LINES
-ACCESS TO ADDITIONAL
SERVICES PROVIDED BY
CENTRAL OFFICE FACILITIES

#### PUBLIC SWITCHED SERVICE

-LONG DISTANCE OR TOLL SERVICE ROUTED THROUGH A PUBLIC NETWORK -SWITCHED ACCESS: ROUTED THROUGH A LOCAL WIRE CENTER -SPECIAL ACCESS: ROUTED DIRECTLY FROM THE CUSTOMER TO THE CARRIER

# PRIVATE LINE SERVICE

- -CALLS ARE ROUTED
  THROUGH DEDICATED
  CIRCUITS
- -CUSTOMER SELECTS
  TRANSMISSION SPEED
  AND OTHER FEATURES

# TYPES OF WIRELESS TELECOM CARRIERS

- -TRADITIONAL CELLULAR
  -PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS
  SERVICES (PCS)
- -ENHANCED SPECIALIZED MOBILE RADIO

### PPI GOAL

- -NET TRANSACTION PRICING
- -MINIMIZE NEW ITEM BASIS
- -INDEXES ARE:
  - -ACCURATE
  - **-LOW VARIABILITY**
  - -REPRESENTATIVE

### QUALITY ADJUSTMENT

-ABILITY TO VALUE
CHANGES IN RATE
CHARACTERISTICS
-ABILITY TO HANDLE
ACCESS CHANGES

# PRICING METHODOLOGIES

- -BILL METHOD
- -RATE METHOD
- -UNIT VALUE METHOD

# BILL METHOD

-RANDOM SAMPLE BILLS -HOLDS CALLING CHARACTERISTICS CONSTANT -REPRICE MONTHLY USING CURRENT RATES

## RATE METHOD

 PROBABILITY SAMPLE RATES
 HOLDS BASE PERIOD QUANTITY WEIGHTS CONSTANT
 INCLUDES DISCOUNTING INFORMATION

### UNIT VALUE METHOD

- -POPULATION FOR
  HOMOGENEOUS SERVICE
  -HOLDS BASE PERIOD QUANTITY
  WEIGHTS CONSTANT
- -REPRICE MONTHLY USING
  CURRENT PER UNIT CHARGES

CELLULAR SERVICE UNIT VALUE METHOD

TOLL/LONG
DISTANCE SERVICE

UNIT VALUE METHOD

LOCAL SERVICE

RATE METHOD

# DISADVANTAGES BY PRICING METHOD

**BILL METHOD** 

NEW ITEM BIAS SMALL SAMPLE SIZE

RATE METHOD

CANNOT HANDLE CALLING AREA CHANGES

UNIT VALUE METHOD

INCREASED INDEX VOLATILITY

# INDEX MOVEMENT TOLL AND CELLULAR

- PRICE COMPETITION
- **ECONOMIES OF SCALE**
- MULTIPLE COMPETING TECHNOLOGIES
- MULTIPLE FCC LICENSES
- NETWORKING
- NICHE PRICING

#### UNIT VALUE METHOD

BASE PERIOD CURRENT PERIOD

AVERAGE USAGE X AVERAGE REVENUE = PRICE (PER ACCESS LINE) (PER UNIT)

#### UNIT VALUE METHOD

	<u>AVERAGE</u>	AVERAGE	WEIGHTED
<u>CHARGE</u>	USEAGE	REVENUE	REVENUE
	(BASE)	(CURRENT)	
ACCESS LINE	1	20.0000	20.0000
PEAK MINUTES	400	0.0259	10.3600
OFF PEAK MIN.	600	0.0085	5.1000
CALL WAITING	.80	1.8500	1.4800
CALL FORWARD	ING .60	2.1500	1.2900
			38.2300

#### Classification Issues

- Resellers
- Convergence of service lines

#### Resellers

- NAICS definition requires no network facilities
- Most resellers also have some network facilities
- Cannot be priced in US

#### Convergence of Service Lines

- Paging Services being absorbed by Cellular Phone Services
- Wired Telephone Services being absorbed by Internet
- Merged billing across companies