NETWORK INTEROPERABILITY

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I. DEFINITION

Network Interoperability is the continuous ability to send and receive data between interconnected networks providing the level of quality expected by the end user customer without any negative impact to the sending and or receiving networks.

Specifically: Network Interoperability is the functional inter working of a service across or between multi-vendor, multi-carrier inter-connections (i.e., node-to-node, or network-to-network) working under normal and stress conditions, and per the applicable standers, requirements, and specifications

II. METRICS

Not covered at the workshop

III. PARTICIPANTS

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