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## SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS, (CONT'D.)

Central Office - A local company switching system where the station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to each other and to trunks.

Channel(s) - An electrical or, in the case of fiber optic-based transmission systems, a photonic communications path between two or more points of termination.

Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) - A wireless provider of telecommunications services.

Common Channel Signaling (CCS) - A high speed packet switched communications network which is separate (out of band) from the public packet switched and message networks. It is used to carry addressed signaling messages for individual trunk circuits and/or database related services between signaling points in the CCS network.

Communications System - Denotes channels and other facilities which are capable of communications between terminal equipment provided by an entity other than the Company.

Collocation - Carrier facilities and/or equipment located in a local exchange carrier's central office.

Commission - The Federal Communications Commission or the Public Utility Commission of the State in which service is offered.

Company - The issuing carriers of this tariff, as indicated on Page 1 of this tariff.

Constructive Order - Delivery of calls to or acceptance of calls from the Company's end user locations over Company-switched local exchange services constitutes a Constructive Order by the Customer to purchase access services as described herein. Similarly the selection by a Company's end user of the Customer as the presubscribed IXC constitutes a Constructive Order of switched access by the Customer.

Conventional Signaling: The inter-machine signaling system has been traditionally used in North America for the purpose of transmitting the called number's address digits from the originating Local Switching Center which terminates the call. In this system, all of the dialed digits are received by the originating switching machine, a path is selected, and the sequence of supervisory signals and out pulsed digits is initiated. No overlap out pulsing ten digit ANI, ANI information digits, or acknowledgment link are included in this signaling sequence.

Customer: The person, firm, corporation or other entity which orders the Company's service or receives the Company's service, including but not limited to an Interexchange Carrier, End User, other telecommunications carrier, or provider originating or terminating Toll VoIP-PSTN traffic.

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Customer Agreement - The mutual agreement between the Company and the Customer for the provision of the Company's service.

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Facilities - Denotes any cable, poles, conduit, carrier equipment, wire center distribution frames, central office switching equipment, etc., utilized to provide the services offered under this tariff.

Feature Group D – Access service which provides trunk side access to Company switches through the use of end office or access tandem switch trunk equipment. Feature Group D service may be arranged for 10XXXX dialing or equal access without using a dial code.

Federal Communications Commission - FCC

Fiber Optic Cable - A thin filament of glass with a protective outer coating through which a light beam carrying communications signals may be transmitted by means of multiple internal reflections to a receiver, which translates the message.

Firm Order Confirmation (FOC) - Acknowledgment by the Company of receipt of an Access Service Request from the Customer and commitment by the Company of a Service Date.

Holidays - New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day.

Hub - The Company office where Customer facilities are terminated for purposes of interconnection to Trunks and/or cross-connection to distant ends.

Interconnected Wholesale Provider - A company which sells, installs and maintains telephone systems for end users that interconnects its network to other telecommunication carriers networks for the delivery of telecommunication services.

Individual Case Basis - A service arrangement in which the regulations, rates and charges are developed based on the specific circumstances of the Customer's situation.

Interexchange Carrier (IXC) or Interexchange Common Carrier - Any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, governmental entity or corporation engaged in state or foreign communication for hire by wire or radio, between two or more exchanges.

InterMTA (Major Trading Area) - For purposes of this tariff, InterMTA refers to telecommunications traffic exchanged between a LEC and a CMRS, PCS or Wireless provider that originates and terminates in different Major Trading Areas as used by the FCC to define coverage for certain services.

Internet Protocol (IP) – The method by which data is sent from one computer to another on the Internet.

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Internet Protocol (IP) Signaling - A packet data-oriented protocol used for communicating call signaling information.

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Interstate - For purposes of this tariff, the term Interstate applies to the regulatory jurisdiction of services used for communications between locations located in different states within the United States or between one or more location in the United States and one or more international locations.

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Signaling System 7 (SS7) - The Common Channel Out of Band Signaling protocol developed by the Consultative Committee for International Telephone and Telegraph (CCITT) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

Signaling Transfer Point Access - Allows the Customer to access a specialized switch which provides SS7 network access and performs SS7 messaging routing and screening.

Special Access - See Dedicated Access

Time Division Multiplexing (TDM) – A method of transmitting and receiving voice signals over the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN).

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Term Agreement - A method of purchasing the Company's services whereby the Customer agrees to purchase service between specific locations for a specified and mutually agreed upon length of time.

Terminal Equipment - Telecommunications devices, apparatus and associated wiring on the Customer-designated premises.

Terminating direction - The use of Access Service for the completion of calls from an IXC or Carrier premises to and end user or Customer premises.

Toll VOIP-PSTN Traffic –The traffic exchanged in time division multiplexing ("TDM") format that originates and/or terminates in Internet Protocol ("IP") format. Traffic originates and/or terminates in IP format if it originates from and/or terminates to an end user customer of a service that requires Internet protocol compatible customer premises equipment.

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Transmission Path - An electrical path capable of transmitting signals within the range of the service offering. A transmission path is comprised of physical or derived facilities consisting of any form or configuration of plant used in the telecommunications industry.

Trunk - A communications path connecting two switching systems in a network, used in the establishment of an end-to-end connection.

Trunk Group - A set of trunks which are traffic engineered as a unit for the establishment of connections between switching systems in which all of the communications paths are interchangeable.

VoIP Service – Transmission of communication by aid of wire, cable, radio, or other like connection using Voice Over Internet Protocol that is originated or terminated in Internet Protocol (IP) format. VoIP Services are those services that require the use of IP compatible customer premises equipment.

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Wire Center - A physical location in which one or more central offices, used for the provision of exchange services, are located.

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## SECTION 3 - SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE, (CONT'D.)

## 3.1 General, (Cont'd.)

## 3.1.4 Application of Access Charges to Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic

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- A. All Toll VoIP-PSTN traffic will be assessed switched access charges at the rates set forth in Section 4 of this tariff.
- B. The Company shall assess and collect switched access rate elements under this tariff for access services, regardless of whether the Company itself delivers such traffic to the called party's premises or delivers the call to the called party's premises via contractual or other arrangements with an affiliated or unaffiliated provider of VoIP service that does not itself seek to collect switched access charges for the same traffic. The Company will not charge for functions not performed by the Company, its affiliated or unaffiliated provider of VoIP service. For purposes of this provision, functions provided by the Company as part of transmitting telecommunications between designated points using, in whole or in part, technology other than TDM transmission in a manner that is comparable to a service offered by a local exchange carrier constitutes the functional equivalent of carrier access service.

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