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The term "Trunk Group" denotes 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.

Trunk-Side Connection

The term "Trunk-Side Connection" denotes the connection of a transmission path to the trunk side of a switching system.

Two-Wire to Four-Wire Conversion

The term "Two-Wire to Four-Wire Conversion" denotes an arrangement which converts a four-wire transmission path to a two-wire transmission path to allow a four-wire facility to terminate in a two-wire entity (e.g., a central office switch).

V and H Coordinates Method

The term "V and H Coordinates Method" denotes a method of computing airline miles between two points by utilizing an established formula which is based on the vertical and horizontal coordinates of the two points.

VoIP-PSTN Traffic

VoIP-PSTN Traffic is traffic exchanged between MIEAC and the Customer in Time Division Multiplexing (TDM) format that originates and/or terminates in Internet Protocol (IP) format.

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Wire Center

The term "Wire Center" denotes a building in which one or more central offices, used for the provision of Telephone Exchange Services, are located.

CENTRALIZED EQUAL ACCESS SERVICE**7. Voice over Internet Protocol – Public Switched Telephone Network (“VoIP -PSTN”) Traffic****(N)**

- 7.1 This section governs the identification and treatment of VoIP-PSTN Traffic that is required to be compensated at interstate access rates unless the parties have agreed otherwise in a written agreement.
- 7.2 Company will assess and collect the full Access Reciprocal Compensation on traffic exchanged with Customers when such traffic originates and/or terminates in Internet Protocol format, as set forth in Section 51.913 of the Federal Communications Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. §51.913, 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 interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol service.¹
- 7.3. VoIP – PSTN Traffic identified in accordance with this tariff section will be billed at rates equal to the Company’s applicable interstate switched access rates as set forth in section 6 of this tariff.
- 7.4 A Customer delivering traffic to Company will identify the percentage of traffic that is VOIP – PSTN Traffic (“Percentage VOIP Usage” or “PVU”) and will provide a traffic study or similar analysis that is subject to audit. If a Customer fails to provide this information, Company will assign a default PVU equal to zero.

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¹ See, *In the Matter of Connect America Fund A National Broadband Plan for Our Future Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers High-Cost Universal Service Support Developing an Unified Inter-carrier Compensation Regime Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service Lifeline and Link-Up Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Docket Nos. WC Docket No. 10-90, *et al.*, FCC 11-161, (Rel. November 18, 2011).