

BIT: The smallest unit of information in the binary system of notation.

BUILDING: A structure enclosed within exterior walls or fire walls, built, erected and framed of component structural parts and designed for permanent occupancy.

CALL INITIATION: The point in time when the exchange network facility are initially allocated for the establishment of a specific call.

CALL TERMINATION: The point in time when the exchange network facility allocated to a specific call is released for reuse by the network.

CENTRAL OFFICE: An operating office of the Company where connections are made between telephone exchange lines.

CENTRAL OFFICE LINE: A line providing direct or indirect access from a telephone or switchboard to a central office. Central office lines subject to PBX rate treatment are referred to as central office trunks.

CHANNEL: A point-to-point bi-directional path for digital transmission. A channel may be furnished in such a manner as the Company may elect, whether by wire, fiber optics, radio or a combination thereof and whether or not by means of single physical facility or route. One 1.544 Mbps Service is equivalent to 24 channels.

CHANNEL CONVERSION: The termination of 1.544 Mbps Service at a customer's location with conversion of the digital signal to 24 analog voice grade circuits. Channel Conversion can be furnished by the customer.

CHANNEL SERVICE UNIT ("CSU"): The equipment located at the customer's premises which terminates each 1.544 Mbps Digital Loop and performs such functions as proper termination of facilities, regeneration of signals, recognition and correction of signal format errors and provides remote loop-back capability.

COLLEGE: An establishment for higher education authorized to confer degrees where lodging for the students is maintained on the premises.

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS: Channels and other facilities which are capable of two-way communications between subscriber-provided terminal equipment or Telephone Company stations, even when not connected to exchange and message toll communications service.