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**SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS**

**Tandem Switched Transport (TST):** The transport between the SWC and wire centers or between an access tandem/POI and wire centers that subtend the access tandem.

**TDM:** Time-division multiplexing (TDM) is a method of putting multiple data streams in a single signal by separating the signal into many segments, each having a very short duration.

**Telephone Company:** A telephone company is any telephone corporation operating within New York. This term includes resellers and wireless telephone service providers. A billing telephone company is a telephone company that also provides billing services to any third party, including its own affiliate, or that bills for non-communications-related products and services on its own behalf. Telephone companies are responsible for their agents' compliance with these rules and liable for their agents' violation of these rules.

**Toll Free:** A term to describe an inbound communications service which permits a call to be completed at a location without charge to the calling party. Access to the service is gained by dialing a ten (10) digit telephone number with a "toll free" NPA of 800, 888, etc.

**Transmission Path:** An electrical or optical 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 communication paths are interchangeable.

**Two-Way:** A service attribute that includes outward dial capabilities for outbound calls and can also be used to carry inbound calls to a central point for further processing.

**Usage or Usage-Based Charges:** These are the charges for minutes and/or database queries generated by the Customer's calls or messages, which traverse over Company facilities.