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SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS (CONT'D.)

1.1 Definitions of Terms (Cont'd.)

Switched Access Service - Access to the switched network of an Exchange Carrier for the purpose of originating or terminating communications.

Tandem-Switched Transport Facility - Denotes a Switched Transport facility between a Company hub office (when multiplexing occurs at an office other than the serving wire center) and an end office that provides a Customer with transport to or from the end office by routing through an access tandem.

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

Telephone Company - Any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, or corporation authorized by the appropriate regulatory bodies to engage in providing public switched communications service throughout an exchange area, and between exchange areas within the LATA.

Terminating Direction - Denotes the use of Access Service for the completion of calls from an IC premises to an End User premises.

Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic - The term Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic denotes a customer's interexchange voice traffic exchanged with the Telephone Company in Time Division Multiplexing format over PSTN facilities, which originates and/or terminates in Internet Protocol (IP) format. Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic originates and/or terminates in IP format when it originates from and/or terminates to an end user customer of a service that requires IP-compatible customer premises equipment

Transmission Path - Denotes an electrical path capable of transmitting signals within the range of the service offering. A voice grade transmission path is capable of transmitting voice frequencies within the approximate range of 300 to 3000 Hz. A transmission path is comprised of physical or derived channels consisting of any form or configuration of facilities typically 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 - 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.

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