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

## 1.1 Definitions of Terms (Cont'd.)

Local Access - The connection between a Customer's premises and a point of presence of the Exchange Carrier.

Local Access and Transport Area - A geographic area established for the provision and administration of communications service. It encompasses one or more designated exchanges, which are grouped to serve common social, economic and other purposes.

Local Switching Center - The switching center where telephone exchange service Customer station Channels are terminated for purposes of interconnection to each other and to interoffice trunks.

Local Traffic - A call which originates and terminates in the same exchange area, or a call which originates and terminates within different VT exchanges that share a common mandatory local calling area (e.g., a mandatory Extended Local Calling Service (ELCS) or Extended Area Service areas (EAS) or other like types of mandatory local calling scopes. Calls to or from a Wireless Provider do not constitute Local Traffic, and are therefore subject to VT's switched access charges, if they are either (1) interMTA or (2) the Wireless Provider does not have a direct connection to VT's facilities without the use of an intermediary carrier.

Meet Point - A point of interconnection that is not an End Office or tandem.

Meet Point Billing - The arrangement through which multiple Exchange Carriers involved in providing Access Services, divide the ordering, rating, and billing of such services on a proportional basis, so that each Exchange Carrier involved in providing a portion of the Access Service agrees to bill under its respective tariff

Message - A completed telephone Call by a Customer or User.

Mobile Telephone Switching Office - Location where the wireless Customer maintains a facility for purposes of interconnecting to VT's Network.