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

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

Co-Carrier - Any other telecommunications provider authorized by the Commission to provide local exchange service in the state.

Commission - The New York Public Service Commission.

Common Channel Signaling (CCS) - A high-speed packet switched communications network which is separate (out of band) from the public packet switched and message networks. It is used to carry addressed signaling messages for individual trunk circuits and/or database related services between signaling points in the CCS network.

Common Line - Denotes a line, trunk, pay telephone line or other facility provided under the general and/or local exchange service tariffs of VT, terminated on a central office switch. A common line-residence is a line or trunk provided under the residence regulations of the general and/or local exchange service tariffs. A common line business is a line provided under the business regulations of the general and/or local exchange service tariffs.

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Constructive Order - Delivery of calls to or acceptance of calls from VT's End User locations over VT-switched local exchange services constitutes a Constructive Order by the Customer to purchase switched access services as described herein. Similarly, the selection by a Company's End User of the Customer as the presubscribed INC constitutes a Constructive Order of Switched Access by the Customer.

Customer(s) - Any individual, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, corporation or governmental entity or any other entity which uses or subscribes to the services offered under this tariff, including Interexchange Carriers (IXCs), End Users and Exchange Carriers providing intrastate communications between two or more exchanges.