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SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS (CONT'D.)

Serving Wire Center Switch - A Company switching system where Customer or End User station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to other station loops, Trunks or access facilities. In most contexts, the Customer is connected via station loops or Trunks to a Serving Wire Center Switch.

Station - Refers to telephone equipment or an exchange access line from or to which Calls are placed.

Switched Access - Where originating or terminating access between an End User and an Interexchange Carrier is provided via Feature Group facilities, circuits or channels provided by a local exchange carrier. A method of reaching the Customer's communication and switching systems whereby the End User is connected to the Customer's Point of Presence or designate using Services of the local switched network.

Tandem Switch - See Access Tandem.

TDM – Time Division Multiplexing – a method of transmitting and receiving voice signals over the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN). (N)  
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Terminal Equipment - Telecommunications devices, apparatus and associated wiring on the Customer-designated Premises.

Terminating Direction - The use of Switched Access Service for the completion of Calls from a Customer's Point of Presence 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 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. (N)  
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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 communications paths are interchangeable.

VoIP Service – Transmission of voice communication by aid of wire, cable, radio, or other like connection using Voice Over Internet Protocol that is originated or terminated in Internet Protocol (IP) format. (N)  
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