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## SECTION 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1.5 DEFINITIONS

Certain terms used generally throughout this tariff for TCG Access Services of this Company are defined below.

Access Lines: A Telephone facility which permits access to and from both the Customer's premises and the telephone exchange or serving central office.

Access Minutes

For the purpose of calculating chargeable usage, the term "Access Minutes" denotes Customer usage, in minutes of use, of Access Service in the provision of intrastate service. Unless otherwise provided in this Tariff, on the originating end of an intrastate Call, usage is measured from the time the originating End User's Call is delivered by the Company to and acknowledged as received by the Customer's facilities connected with the originating exchange, and on the terminating end of an intrastate Call, usage is measured from the time the Call is received by the End User in the terminating exchange. Unless otherwise provided in this Tariff, timing of usage at both originating and terminating ends of an intrastate Call shall terminate when the calling or called party disconnects, whichever event is recognized first in the originating and terminating exchanges, as applicable.

Access Service

The term "Access Service" denotes the use of the network or facilities of the Company to enable a Customer to terminate a Call. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Access Service does not include any service that constitutes Network Interconnection Service.

Access Tandem

The term "Access Tandem" denotes a switching system which provides a concentration and distribution function for terminating traffic between the Customer Premises and End Offices that are served by such Access Tandem.

Add/Drop Multiplexing: A multiplexing function that allows lower level signals to be added or dropped from an Optical Carrier (OC) channel.

Advance Payment: Part of all of a payment required before the start of service.

Application: A request made orally or in writing for service.

Asynchronous: A method of transmission in which information is sent with each character (byte) providing synchronization via start and stop bits.

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