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ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

SECTION 1 - TARIFF INFORMATION (CONT'D.)

1.3 Definitions, (Cont'd.)

Switched Virtual Circuit - A communications channel (logical channel) established on a switched basis as a result of the call established procedure via one network address calling another network address. The communications channel exists until the call is terminated by either the calling or called party.

Switching Point Code - A unique nine character, numeric code that identifies a switch that is supported by the SS7 Signaling. (See Point Code).

Switching System - The hardware and / or software utilized by the Company for the establishment and maintenance of a given central office.

Synchronous - A form of communications whereby data characters are sent in a continuous stream to the destination.

Synchronous Test Line - An arrangement in an end office which performs marginal operational tests of supervisory and ring tipping functions

Tandem Switched Transport - Transport of switched access service to an end office that includes switching equipment.

Terminating Direction - The use of switched access service for the completion of calls from a customer premises to an end user premises.

Terminus Hub - A wire center in which a DS3 or DS1 facility can be multiplexed into individual channels. A Terminus Hub serves only customers in the wire center in which the multiplexing is preformed.

Text File - The data file transmitted by the IC which will consist of the bill messages, promotional messages and other charge messages for invoice billing.