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ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

SECTION 1 - TARIFF INFORMATION (CONT'D.)

1.3 Definitions (Cont'd.)

Access Tandem - A Company switching system that provides a concentration and distribution function for originating and terminating traffic between end offices and a customer's premises.

Address Code - A code up to six alphanumeric characters which identifies Information Providers

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

Answer/Disconnect Supervision - The transmission of the switch trunk equipment supervisory signal (off hook or on hook) to the customer's point of termination as an indication that called party has answered.

Asynchronous - A form of communication whereby each data character is individually synchronized by means of start and stop elements.

Asynchronous Transmission Mode (ATM): A high-speed switching technique that uses fixed type cells to transmit voice, video and data over fiber optic cabling.

Attenuation Distortion - The difference in loss at specified frequencies relative to the loss at 1004 Hz, unless otherwise specified.

Automatic Number Identification (ANI): Allows the automatic transmission of a caller's billing account telephone number to a local exchange company, interexchange carrier or a third party subscriber. The primary purpose of ANI is to allow for billing of toll calls.

Balance (100 Type) Test Line - An arrangement in an end office which provides for balance and noise testing.

Bill Message - An informational or advertising narrative developed by the Interexchange carrier and approved by the Company that appears on the Interexchange Carrier's bill, and / or invoice to be used with manual and / or mechanized bill message service.