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ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

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SECTION 1 - TARIFF INFORMATION (CONT'D.)

1.3 Definitions, (Cont'd.)

Call - A customer attempt for which the complete address code (e.g. 0-, 911 or ten digits) is provided to the serving dial tone office.

Call Request Packet - the first packet in each session which contains the call request information.

Carrier or Common Carrier - See Interexchange Carrier

CCS - A hundred call seconds, which is standard unit of traffic load that is equal to 100 seconds of usage or capacity of a group of servers (e.g. Trunks).

Central Office - A local Company switching system where telephone exchange service customer station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to each other and to trunks.

Central Office Data Voice Multiplexer (CDVM) - A device attached to an exchange service line at the serving wire center which allows for the expansion of the channel to permit simultaneous or independent transmission of data and voice.

Central Office Prefix - the first three digits (NXX) of seven digit telephone number assigned to a customer's telephone exchange service when dialed on a local basis.

Centralized Automatic Reporting on Trunks Testing - A type of testing which includes the capacity for measuring operational and transmission parameters.

Centrex CO - A central office based offering that provides customers with such services as intercom calling, direct inward dialing, access to private facilities, route selection and station billing details.

Channel(s) - An electrical (or photonics, in the case of fiberoptic based transmission systems), communications path between two or more points of termination.

Common Channel Signal Access - The capability which allows customer access to the Company SS7 Signaling network.