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ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

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SECTION 1 - TARIFF INFORMATION (CONT'D.)

1.3 Definitions, (Cont'd.)

Federal Communications Commission (or AFCC@) - Independent government agency that develops and implements policy concerning interstate and international communications.

Fiber Optic Cable: A thin filament of glass with a protective outer coating through which a light beam carrying communications signals may be transmitted by means of multiple internal reflections to a receiver, which translates the message.

Field Identifier - Two or four characters that are used on service orders to convey specific instructions. Field identifiers may or may not have associated data. Selected field identifiers are used in Company billing systems to generate NRCs.

First Come-First Served - A procedure followed when a shortage of facilities or equipment occurs, such that an access service ordered cannot be installed. The orders delayed by the shortage of facilities will be prioritized according to the sequence in which they were received. That is, when facilities or equipment become available, the first order received will be the first order processed.

First Point of Switching - The first Company location at which switching occurs on the terminating path of a call proceeding from the customer's premises to the terminating end-office and, at the same time, the last Company location at which switching occurs on the originating path of a call proceeding from the originating end office to the customer's premises.

Host Customer - A customer who authorizes a service user to connect a special access, switched access or CCSA service(s) to its multiplexed high capacity service under terms and conditions specified in this tariff for shared billing arrangement.

Host Office - An electronic switching system which provides call processing capabilities for one or more remote switching modules or remote switching systems.

Impedance Balance - The method of expressing echo return loss and singing returning loss at a four wire interface whereby the gains and / or loss of the four wire portion of the transmission path, including hybrid, are not included in the specification.