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NETWORK INTERCONNECTION SERVICES TARIFF

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SECTION 1 - TARIFF INFORMATION AND GENERAL REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)

1.3 Tariff Terminology (Cont'd.)

1.3.2 Definitions

Access Code - A uniform five or seven digit code assigned by the Telephone Company to an individual LEC. The five digit code has the form 10XXX, and the seven digits code has the form 101XXXX.

Access Minutes - That usage of exchange facilities in intrastate service for the purpose of calculating chargeable usage. 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. Timing of usage at terminating end of an intrastate call shall terminate when the calling or called party disconnects, whichever event is recognized first in the originating and terminating end exchanges, as applicable.

Access Tandem - A Telephone Company switching system or facility interconnection node that provides a concentration and distribution function for terminating traffic received from a LEC to different end offices.

Actual Cost - All costs charged against a specific case of special construction, including any appropriate taxes.

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 the called party has answered or disconnected.

Attempt - The point at which delivery to an end user communication from a LEC point of termination results in the measurement of access minutes.

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

Business Day - The times of day that a company is open for business. Generally, in the business community, these are 8AM or 9AM to 5PM or 6PM, respectively, with an hour for lunch, Monday through Friday, resulting in a standard forty hour work week.