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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 (Cont'd.)

Switching Point - A signaling point that has the capability of initiating database queries.

Service Signaling Point - A switch that is capable of supporting SS7 signaling.

Signaling Point of Interconnection - The customer designated location, in the same LATA as the Telephone Company STP, where SS7 signaling information may be exchanged between the Telephone Company and the LEC.

Signaling Transfer Point - A signaling point which routes and/or transfers signaling messages through the common channel signaling network.

Subtending End Office of an Access Tandem - An end office that has final trunk group routing through that tandem.

Switching Point Code - A nine character, numeric code that identifies a switch that is supported by SS7 signaling.

Synchronous Optical Network - An optical interface standard that allows for transporting many different digital signals using a basic building block or base transmission rate of 51.84 Mbps (OC-1/STS-1) and higher rates are direct multiples of the base rate, such as OC-3/STS-3 which is equal to three times the base transmission rate.

Tandem - Refer to Access Tandem.

Tandem Signaling - All the signaling and data elements necessary for identifying by FGD switched access customer or a LEC, each access or LEC call in the routing of multi-FGD traffic via common transport to an access tandem.

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