

SECTION 11 - EXPLANATION OF TERMS (cont'd)

LINK

The physical facility from the network interface on an end-user's or carrier's premises to the point of interconnection on the main distribution frame of the Company's central office.

LEASED CHANNEL

A non-switched electrical path used for connection of equipment furnished by the subscriber to equipment furnished by the subscriber or the Company for a specific purpose.

LOCAL CALL

A call which, if placed by a customer over the facilities of the Company, is not rated as a toll call.

LOCAL CALLING AREA

The area, consisting of one or more central office districts, within which a subscriber for exchange service may make telephone calls without a toll charge.

LOCAL SERVICE

Telephone exchange service within a local calling area.

LOOP START

Describes the signaling between the terminal equipment or PBX/key system interface and the Company's switch. It is the signal requesting service.

LOOPS

Segments of a line which extend from the serving central office to the originating and to the terminating point.

MEGABIT

One million bits.