
SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS

Certain terms used generally throughout this tariff for the Access Services of the Company are defined below.

Access Code: A uniform five or seven digit code assigned by Neustar, Inc. (administrator of the North American Numbering Plan) to an individual Customer. The five digit code has the form 10XXX, and the seven digit code has the form 101XXXX.

Access Service: Switched or Special Access provided to the network of an Interexchange Carrier for the purpose of originating or terminating communications.

Access Service Request (ASR): The industry service order format used by Access Service Customers and access providers as agreed to by the Ordering and Billing Forum (OBF).

Access Tandem: A switching system that provides a concentration and distribution function for originating or terminating traffic between local switching centers and Customers' premises.

Advance Payment: Part or all of a payment required before the start of service.

Automatic Number Identification: Allows the automatic transmission of a caller's billing account telephone number to a local exchange carrier, interexchange carrier or a third party subscriber. The primary purpose of ANI is to allow for billing of toll calls.

Authorized User: A person, firm, corporation or other entity that either is authorized by the Customer to use Access Services or is placed in a position by the Customer, either through acts or omissions to use Access Services.

Bit: The smallest unit of information in the binary system of notation.

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