SECTION 2 - GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.15 Explanation of Terms (Cont'd)

APPLICANT

A person who applies for telecommunications service. Includes persons seeking reconnection of their service after Company-initiated termination.

APPLICATION

A request made orally or in writing for telephone service.

ASCII

American Standard Code for Information Interchange. An eight-level code for data transfer adopted by the American Standards Association.

ASYNCHRONOUS

Transmission in which each information character is individually synchronized usually by the use of startstop elements. The gap between each character is not of a fixed length.

ATTENDANT

An operator of a PBX console or telephone switchboard.

AUTHORIZED USER

A person, corporation or other entity who is authorized by the Company's customer to utilize service provided by the Company to the customer. The customer is responsible for all charges incurred by an Authorized User.

AUTOMATIC LOCATION IDENTIFICATION ("ALI")

The name and address associated with the calling party's telephone number (identified by ANI as defined below) is forwarded to the PSAP for display. Additional telephones with the same number as the calling party's (secondary locations, off premises, etc.) will be identified with the address of the telephone number at the main location.

AUTOMATIC NUMBER IDENTIFICATION ("ANI")

A system whereby the calling party's telephone number is identified and sent forward with the call record for routing and billing purposes. E911 Service makes use of this system.