SECTION 2 - GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.15 Explanation of Terms (Cont'd)

CENTRAL OFFICE

A switching unit in a telephone system which provides service to the general public, having the necessary equipment and operating arrangements for terminating and interconnecting Customer lines and trunks or trunks only. There may be more than one central office in a building or exchange.

CENTRAL OFFICE AREA

The area within which the Customer's lines are connected to the central office operating unit, or units, established by the telephone Company to serve that area. More than one central office may be located in the same building.

CHANNEL

A path (or paths) for electrical communication between two or more stations or telephone Company offices and furnished in such a manner as the telephone Company may elect.

CIRCUIT

A channel used for the transmission of electrical energy in the furnishing of telephone and other communication services.

COLLEGE

An establishment for higher education authorized to confer degrees where lodging for the students is maintained on the premises.

COMMISSION

The New York State Public Service Commission.

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS

Channels and other facilities which are capable of two-way communications between subscriber - provided terminal equipment or Telephone Company stations, even when not connected to exchange and message toll communications service.

COMPANY

TC Systems, Inc or TCG, unless otherwise clearly indicated from the context.