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## **SECTION 2 - REGULATIONS**

## 2.11 Definitions

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

<u>Access Lines</u>: A Telephone facility which permits access to and from both the Customer's premises and the telephone exchange or serving central office.

<u>Add/Drop Multiplexing</u>: A multiplexing function that allows lower level signals to be added or dropped from an Optical Carrier (OC) channel.

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

Application: A request made orally or in writing for service.

<u>Asynchronous</u>: A method of transmission in which information is sent with each character (byte) providing synchronization via start and stop bits.

<u>Authorized User</u>: A person, firm or corporation which is authorized by the Customer or joint user to be connected to the service of the Customer or joint user, respectively.

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

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

<u>Channel</u>: A path (or paths) for electrical communication between two or more stations or telephone company offices and furnished in such a manner as the Company may elect.