1.0 <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

Certain terms used generally throughout this Tariff are defined below:

<u>Access Code</u>: Denotes uniform code assigned by the Company to an individual Customer. The code has the form 10XXX, 10XXXXX, 950-0XXX, or 950-1XXX.

<u>Access Service</u>: Switched Access to the network of an Interexchange Carrier for the purpose of originating or terminating communications.

<u>Access Service Request ("ASR")</u>: The industry Service order format used by Access Service Customers and access providers as agreed to by the Ordering and Billing Forum.

<u>Access Tandem</u>: A Local Exchange Carrier's switching system that provides a concentration and distribution function for originating or terminating traffic between Local Switching Centers and the Customers' Premises.

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

Applicant: Any entity or individual who applies for Service under this Tariff.

Authorized User: Any entity or individual authorized by the Customer to use the Service.

Carrier: A company authorized by the Commission to provide telecommunications Services.

<u>Channel or Circuit</u>: A path for transmission between two or more points having a bandwidth and termination of the Customer's own choosing.

<u>Channel Mileage</u>: Distance calculated using the telephone industry standard Rate Centers ("V" & "H") between the Company's and the Customer's Premises.