3. <u>General Regulations</u>

3.1 Service Description

Intrastate Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service ("LDMTS") is offered to residential and business Customers of the Company to provide direct dialed and operator assisted calls placed between points in the State of New York. The Company provides switched long distance network services for voice grade and low speed dial-up data transmission services. The Company does not undertake to transmit messages but furnishes the use of its services to its Customers for communications. All services are provided subject to the terms and conditions set out in this tariff.

3.2 Interconnection with Other Common Carriers

The Company reserves the right to interconnect its services with those of any Other Common Carrier, Local Exchange Carrier, or alternate access provider of its election, and to utilize such services concurrently with its own services for the provision of services offered herein.

3.3 Availability of Services

3.3.1 Services are furnished subject to the availability of the Service components required. The Company will: (1) determine which of those components shall be used and (2) make modifications to those components at its option.

- 3.3.2 Services are available twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week.
- 3.3.3 Under certain circumstances, funds provided under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("ARRA") may be subject to certain restrictions, requirements and reporting obligations. The Company may be subject to some of these restrictions, requirements and reporting obligations when services and service components are purchased with ARRA funds. In order to comply with the restrictions, requirements and reporting obligations associated with the use of ARRA funds (if any), the Company must be apprised of them before provisioning the services or service components. Accordingly, the services and service components provided under this tariff shall not be used to support the performance of any portion of a project or program which has been funded in whole or in part with grants, loans or payments made pursuant to the ARRA, without the prior written agreement of the Company and Customer regarding any specifically applicable terms, conditions and requirements. Customer shall provide the Company with prior written notice before placing any order that may be funded in whole or in part with ARRA funds. If Customer fails to provide such prior written notice of ARRA funding, or if the parties cannot agree on the terms and conditions (if any) applicable to an ARRA funded order; or if any terms, conditions or requirements (other than those to which the Company specifically agrees in such separate writing) are found to be applicable, then the Company may, in its sole discretion, reject such order or immediately terminate the provision of any affected service or service component without further liability or obligation.