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SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Access or Access Service - Access or Access Service includes services and facilities provided for the origination or termination of any intrastate telecommunication regardless of the technology used in transmission. This includes voice and data communications services that may use TDM, Internet Protocol (“IP”), or other technology.

Access Code - Denotes a uniform code assigned by the Company to an individual Customer. The code has the form 101XXXX or 950-XXXX.

Access Line - An arrangement which connects the Customer's local exchange line to a Company designated switching center or point of presence.

Access Minutes - The increment for measuring usage of exchange facilities for the purpose of calculating chargeable usage.

Access Service Request (ASR) - The service order form used by access service Customers and the Company to the process of establishing, moving or rearranging access services provided by the Company.

Access Tandem - A switching system that provides a traffic concentration and distribution function for originating or terminating traffic between End Offices and the Customer's Premises or Point of Presence.

Answer Supervision - The transmission of the switch trunk equipment supervisory signal (off-hook or on-hook) to a carrier's Point of Presence or customer's terminal equipment as an indication that the called party has answered or disconnected.

Automatic Number Identification (ANI) - The automatic transmission of a caller's billing account telephone number to a local exchange company, interexchange carrier or a third party Customer. The primary purpose of ANI is for billing toll calls.

Bit - The smallest unit of information in a binary system of notation.

Bps - Bits per second. The number of bits transmitted in a one second interval.

Call - A Customer or End User attempt for which the complete address code (e.g., 0-, 911, or 10 digits) is provided to the Serving Wire Center, End Office or Access Tandem Switch.

Casual Calling - Where access to the Company's network and the subsequent use of service by the Customer is initiated through the dialing of a toll-free number or Access Code. Casual Calling allows non-presubscribed customers to utilize the services of the Company.