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ACCESS SERVICES TARIFF

SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS, (CONT'D.)

<u>Service Order</u> - The written request for Network Services executed by the Customer and the Company in a format devised by the Company 'or, in the alternative, the submission of an Access Service Request by the Customer in the manner specified in this tariff.

<u>Service(s)</u> - The Company's telecommunications Access Services offered on the Company's Network.

<u>Signaling Point of Interface</u> - The Customer designated location where the SS7 signaling information is exchanged between the Company and the Customer.

<u>Signaling System 7 (SS7)</u> - The common Channel Out of Band Signaling protocol developed by the Consultative Committee for International Telephone and Telegraph (CCITT) and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

<u>Switched Access Service</u> - Access to the switched network of an Exchange Carrier for the purpose of originating or terminating communications. Switched Access is available to Carriers, as defined in this tariff.

<u>Time Division Multiplexing (TDM)</u> - A method of transmitting and receiving voice signals over the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN).

<u>Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic</u> - A Customer's interexchange voice traffic exchanged with the Company in Time Division Multiplexing format over PSTN facilities, which originates and/or terminates in Internet Protocol (IP) format. Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic originates and/or terminates in IP format when it originates from and/or terminates to an end user customer of a service that requires IP-compatible customer premises equipment.

<u>Trunk</u> - A communications path connecting two switching systems in a network, used in the establishment of an end-to-end connection.

<u>VoIP Provider</u> - Any individual association, corporation, governmental agency or any other entity that is providing voice over Internet protocol. The VoIP provider may or may not be certified by the New York Public Service Commission.

<u>VoIP Service</u> - Transmission of communication by aid of wire, cable, radio, or other like connection using Voice over Internet Protocol that is originated or terminated in Internet Protocol ("IP") format. VoIP services are those services that require the use of IP compatible customer premises equipment.

<u>Wireless Provider</u> - Any carrier authorized to operate as a provider of cellular, personal communications, paging CMRS or any other form of wireless transmission.

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