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## ACCESS SERVICES

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### SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS (CONT'D)

OC-48 - A high capacity channel for full duplex, synchronous, optic transmission of digital signals based on the SONET Standard at a rate of 2.4 Gbps

Off-Hook - The active condition of Switched Access service or a telephone exchange line.

On-Hook - The idle condition of Switched Access service or a telephone exchange line.

Originating Direction - The use of Switched Access Service for the origination of calls from an End User's Premises to a Customer's Point of Presence.

PIC Authorization - A Customer's or End User's selection of a PIC that meets the requirements of federal and state law.

PIC - Primary Interexchange Carrier.

Point of Presence or POP - The physical location associated with an Interexchange Carrier's communication and switching systems.

Point of Termination - The point of demarcation within a Customer or End User Premises at which the Company's responsibility for the provision of access service ends. The point of demarcation is the point of interconnection between Company communications facilities and Customer-provided or End User-provided facilities as defined in Part 68 of the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations.

Premises - A building, portion of a building in a multi-tenant building, or buildings on continuous property not separated by a highway. May also denote a Customer-owned enclosure or utility vault located above or below ground on private property or on Customer acquired right-of-way.

Presubscription - An arrangement whereby a Customer selects and designate to the Company or other LEC a carrier he or she wishes to access, without an access code, for completing interLATA and/or intraLATA toll calls. The selected carrier is referred to as the Primary Interexchange Carrier.

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