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ACCESS SERVICE

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**SECTION 1 - DEFINITIONS, (CONT'D.)**

**End Office Switch** - A Company switching system where station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to each other and to trunks.

**Entry Switch** - First point of switching.

**Exchange** - A group of lines in a unit generally smaller than a LATA established by the Company for the administration of communications service in a specified area. An Exchange may consist of one or more central offices together with the associated facilities used in furnishing communications service within that area.

**Facilities** - Denotes any cable, poles, conduit, carrier equipment, wire center distribution frames, central office switching equipment, etc., utilized to provide the service offered under this tariff.

**Firm Order Confirmation (FOC)** - Acknowledgment by the Company of receipt of an Access Service Request from the Customer and commitment by the Company of a Service Date.

**First Point of Switching** - The first Company location at which switching occurs on the terminating path of a call proceeding from the Customer premises to the terminating end office and, at the same time, the last Company location at which switching occurs on the originating path of a call proceeding from the originating end office to the Customer premises.

**Hertz** - A unit of frequency equal to one cycle per second.

**Holidays** - New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

**Interexchange Carrier (IC)** - Any individual, partnership, association, corporation or other entity engaged in communication for hire by wire or radio between two or more exchanges.

**Interstate** - For the purpose of this tariff, the term Interstate applies to the regulatory jurisdiction of services used for communications between locations located in different states within the United States or between one or more location in the United States and one or more international locations.

**Internet Protocol (IP) Signaling** – A packet data-oriented protocol used for communications call signaling information.

**Intrastate Communications** - Any communications which originates and terminates within the same state.

**Local Access and Transport Area (LATA)** - A geographic area established for the provision and administration of communications service. A LATA encompasses designated exchanges, which are grouped to serve common social, economic and other purposes.