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

DS3 -Digital Signal Level 3; a dedicated, high capacity, full duplex channel with a line speed of 44.736 Mbps isochronous serial data having a line code of bipolar with three zero substitution (B3ZS). Equivalent capacity of 28 DS1 Services.

Dual Tone Multifrequency (DTMF) - Tone signaling, also known as touch tone signaling.

End Office - The Central Office from which the End User's Premises would normally obtain local exchange service and dial tone from the Company or other local exchange carrier.

End User - The term "End User" means any Customer of an Intrastate Telecommunications Service that is not a carrier, except that a carrier other than a telephone company shall be deemed to be an "End User" when such carrier uses a Telecommunications service for administrative purposes and a person or entity that offers Telecommunications services exclusively as a reseller shall be deemed to be an "End User" if all resale transmissions offered by such reseller originate on the premises of such reseller. An End User must pay a fee to the Company for telecommunications service. Other carriers, including IXCs, are not considered to be End Users under the terms of this Tariff, unless the Company consents to such classification in writing.

End User Premises - The premises specified by the Customer or End User for termination of access services at the End User's physical location.

Exchange - A group of lines in a unit generally smaller than a LATA established by the Company or other local exchange carrier 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.

Gbps - Gigabits per second; billions of bits per second.

Host Office - An electronic switching system which provides call processing capabilities for one or more Remote Switching Modules or Remote Switching Systems.

Individual Case Basis or ICB - A process whereby the terms, conditions, rates and/or charges for a service provided under the general provisions of this tariff are developed or modified based on the unique circumstances in each case.

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