

RCN Telecom Services of New York, LP  
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### DEFINITIONS

Certain terms used generally throughout this tariff are described below.

#### Advance Payment

Part or all of a payment required before the start of service.

#### Access Services

The Company's intrastate telephone services offered pursuant to this tariff.

#### Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity (BHMC)

The term "Busy Hour Minutes of Capacity (BHMC)" denotes the Customer specified maximum amount of Switched Access Service and/or Directory Assistance Service access minutes the Customer expects to be handled in an end office switch during any hour in an 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. period for the Feature Group and/or Directory Assistance Service ordered. This Customer specified BHMC quantity is the input data the Company uses to determine the number of transmission paths for the Feature Group and/or Directory Assistance Service ordered.

#### Certified Local Exchange Company (CLEC)

A common carrier which has received a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) by the New York Public Service Commission (N.Y.P.S.C.) to provide local exchange service.

#### Common Channel Signaling

The term "Common Channel Signaling" (CCS) denotes a high speed packet switched communications network which is separate (out of band) from the public packet switched and message networks. Its purpose is to carry addressed signaling messages for individual trunk circuits and/or database related services between Signaling Points in the CCS network.

#### Company or RCN

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## DEFINITIONS

### Customer

The person, firm or corporation which orders service and is responsible for the payment of charges and compliance with the Company's regulations.

### Eligible CLEC

A CLEC that has been classified as a full-service, facilities-based carrier by order of the N.Y.P.S.C.

### End User or User

A person or entity that subscribes to any RCN Telecom Services, Inc., Exchange Access Service offered under the Company's Tariff P.S.C. No. 3, Section 5, and that has been assigned one or more telephone number(s) within a central office code (NPA-NXX) directly assigned to the Company as listed in the Company's Tariff P.S.C. No. 3, Section 4.

### Exchange Telephone Company

Denotes any individual, partnership, association, joint- stock company, trust, or corporation engaged in providing switched communication within an exchange.

### Ineligible CLEC

A CLEC that has not been classified as a full-service, facilities-based carrier by order of the N.Y.P.S.C.

### Interexchange Carrier (IC) or Interexchange Common Carrier

The terms "Interexchange Carrier" (IC) or "Interexchange Common Carrier" denotes any individual, partnership, association, joint- stock company, trust, governmental entity or corporation engaged for hire in interstate or foreign communication by wire or radio, between two or more exchanges.

### Intrastate Access Service

Provides for a two-point communications path between a Customer's premises or a collocated interconnection location and a end user's premises for originating and terminating calls within the state.

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## DEFINITIONS

### InterLATA Toll (Long Distance) Traffic

InterLATA Toll (Long Distance) Traffic means traffic that is originated by an end user subscriber of one Telecommunications Carrier on that Telecommunications Carrier's network and terminates to an end user subscriber of the other Telecommunications Carrier on that other Telecommunications Carrier's network between LATAs, as defined in Verizon's Tariffs or State Commission.

### IntraLATA Toll Traffic

IntraLATA Toll Traffic means traffic that is originated by an end user subscriber of one Telecommunications Carrier on that Telecommunications Carrier's network and terminates to an end user subscriber of the other Telecommunications Carrier on that other Telecommunications Carrier's network outside a give local calling area, or expanded area service ("EAS")area, but within the given LATA, as defined in Verizon's Tariffs or State Commission.

### LATA

A Local Access and Transport Area established pursuant to the Modification of Final Judgment entered by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in Civil Action No. 82-0192; or any other geographic area designated as a LATA in the NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC. TARIFF F.C.C. NO. 4

### Local ExchangeTraffic

Local Traffic means traffic that is originated by an end user subscriber of one Telecommunications Carrier on that Telecommunications Carrier's network and terminates to an end user subscriber of the other Telecommunications Carrier on that other Telecommunications Carrier's network within a given local calling area, or expanded area service ("EAS")area, as defined in Verizon's Tariffs, or, if the Commission had defined local calling areas applicable to all Local Exchange Carriers, then as so defined by the Commission.

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### Local-Toll Traffic

Local Toll Traffic means traffic that is originated by an end user subscriber of one Telecommunications Carrier on that Telecommunications Carrier's network and terminates to an end user subscriber of the other Telecommunications Carrier on that other Telecommunications Carrier's network outside a given local calling area, or expanded area service ("EAS") area, but within the given LATA, as defined in Verizon's Tariffs, or, if the Commission had defined local calling areas applicable to all Local Exchange Carriers, then as so defined by the Commission.

### Local Exchange Carrier

Any Person, carrier, firm or corporation that is engaged in the provision of telephone exchange service or exchange access as defined in section 3(26) of the Communications Act of 1934 as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996

### Network

Refers to the Company's facilities, equipment, and services provided under this Tariff.

### Recurring Charges

The monthly charges to the Customer for services, facilities and equipment which continue for the agreed upon duration of the service.

### Service Commencement Date

The first date on which the Company notifies the Customer that the requested service or facility is available for use, unless extended by the Customer's refusal to accept service which does not conform to standards set forth in the Service Order or this tariff, in which case the Service Commencement Date is the date of the Customer's acceptance. The Company and the Customer may mutually agree on a substitute Service Commencement Date. If the Company does not have an executed Service Order from a customer, the Service Commencement Date will be the first date on which the service or facility was used by a customer.

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## DEFINITIONS

### Service Order

The written request for access services executed by the Customer and the Company in the format devised by the Company. The signing of a Service Order by the Customer and acceptance by the Company initiates the respective obligations of the parties as set forth therein and pursuant to this tariff, but the duration of the service is calculated from the Service Commencement Date. Should a Customer use the Company's access service without an executed Service Order, the Company will then request the Customer to submit a Service Order.

### Service Switching Point (SSP)

A Service Switching Point denotes an end office or tandem which, in addition to having SS7 and SP capabilities, is also equipped to query centralized data bases.

### Serving Wire Center

The term "Serving Wire Center" denotes the wire center from which the Customer designated premises would normally obtain dial tone.

### Shared

A facility or equipment system or subsystem that can be used simultaneously by several Customers.

### Signaling Point (SP)

The term "Signaling Point (SP)" denotes an SS7 network interface element capable of originating and terminating SS7 trunk signaling messages.

### Signaling Point of Interface (SPOI)

The term "Signaling Point of Interface (SPOI)" denotes the Customer designated location where the SS7 signaling information is exchanged between the Telephone Company and the Customer.

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### Signaling System 7 (SS7)

The term "Signaling System 7 (SS7)" denotes the layered protocol used for standardized common channel signaling in the United States and Puerto Rico.

### Signal Transfer Point (STP)

The term "Signal Transfer Point (STP)" denotes a packet switch which provides access to the Telephone Company's SS7 network and performs SS7 message signal routing and screening.

### Signal Transfer Point (STP) Port

The term "Signal Transfer Point (STP) Port" denotes the point of termination and interconnection to the STP.

### Toll Free

A term to describe an inbound communications service which permits a call to be completed at a location without charge to the calling party. Access to the service is gained by dialing a ten (10) digit telephone number (e.g. NPA is 800, 888, etc.).

### Universal Emergency Telephone Number (911) Service

Wherever feasible, the Company will provide a universal Central Office number "911" for the use of Public Safety Agencies having the responsibility to protect the safety and property of the general public. It is intended that use of 911 Service will provide the public with a means of simple and direct telephone access to a Public Safety Answering Point.

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## DEFINITIONS

### VoIP-PSTN Non-Toll Traffic

VoIP-PSTN Traffic that originates (in the case of traffic terminated to a Company end user) or terminates (in the case of traffic originated from a Company end user) at a location within the local calling area of the Company's end user.

### VoIP-PSTN Toll Traffic

VoIP-PSTN Traffic that originates (in the case of traffic terminated to a Company end user) or terminates (in the case of traffic originated from a Company end user) at a location outside the local calling area of the Company's end user.

### VoIP-PSTN Traffic

Any traffic exchanged between the Company and a Customer that is a telecommunications carrier in Time Division Multiplexing (TDM) format that originates and/or terminates in Internet Protocol (IP format). Telecommunications traffic originates and/or terminates in IP format if it originates from or terminates to an end-user customer of a service that requires Internet protocol-compatible customer premises equipment.

### Wire Center

A building in which one or more central offices, used for the provision of Exchange Services, are located.

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