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**COMPETITIVE ACCESS PROVIDER SERVICES TARIFF**

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

End User – Any person or entity that is not a carrier who sends or receives an intrastate telecommunications service transmitted to or from a Customer across the Company's Network. A carrier 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. 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, as defined herein, of an End User.

Exchange - 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.

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.

Interstate - The regulatory jurisdiction of services used for communications between one or more originating and terminating points located in different states within the United States or between one or more points in the United States and at least one international location.

Intrastate - The regulatory jurisdiction of services used for communications between one or more originating and terminating points, all located within the same state.

Interexchange Carrier (IXC or IC) - A long distance telecommunications services provider that furnishes services between exchange areas.

LATA - Local Access and Transport Area. A geographic area for the provision and administration of communications services existing on February 8, 1996, as previously established by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in Civil Action No. 82-0192; or established by a Bell operating company after February 8, 1996 and approved by the FCC; or any other geographic area designated as a LATA in the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.

LEC - Local Exchange Company.