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Certain terms used generally throughout this tariff are defined below.

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

Authorized User: A person, firm or corporation which is authorized by the customer or joint User to be connected to the service of the customer or joint user, respectively. since the company intends to offer service only to nonresidential customers, the term "Authorized User" does not include residential users. An authorized user must be specifically named in the application for service.

Bit: The smallest unit of information in the binary system of notation.

Company: MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services, the issuer of this tariff, which is a Delaware corporation.

Customer: The person, firm or corporation which orders service and is responsible for the payment of charges and compliance with tariff regulations. Since the Company intends to offer service only to nonresidential users, the term "Customer" does not include residential users.

Dedicated: A facility or equipment system or subsystem set aside for the sole use of a specific customer.

Duplex Service: Service which provides for simultaneous transmission in both directions.

Fiber Optic Cable: A thin filament of glass with a protective outer coating through which a light beam carrying communications signals may be transmitted by means of multiple internal reflections to a receiver, which translates the message.

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Individual Case Basis: A service arrangement in which the regulation, rates and charges are developed based on the specific circumstances of the case.

Joint User: A person, firm or corporation which is designated by the customer as a user of the Network Services, as defined below, furnished to the customer and to whom a portion of the charges for the service will be billed under a joint user arrangement as specified herein. A Joint User shall not include residential users.

Kbps: Kilobits, denotes thousands of bits per second.

Mbps: Megabits, denotes millions of bits per second.

Network: The Company's digital fiber optics-based network located in the Baltimore metropolitan area.

Network Services: The Company's telecommunications access services offered on the Company's Network.

Node: The Company office where all customer facilities are terminated for purposes of interconnection to trunks and/or cross-connection to distant ends.

Premises: The space occupied by a customer or authorized user in a building or buildings or contiguous property (except railroad rights-of-way, etc.) not separated by a highway.

Shared: A facility or equipment system or subsystem which can be used simultaneously by several customers.