

**SECTION 1 - DEFINITION OF TERMS**

Certain terms used generally throughout this tariff for Communications Service of this Company 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.

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

Carrier Common Line: Carrier Common Line Access provides for the use of End Users' Company provided common line by Customers for access to such End Users to furnish Communications Services.

Commission: Ohio Public Utilities Commission

Company: Level 3 Communications, LLC, the issuer of this tariff.

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

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

End Office: The term "end office" denotes the switching system office or serving wire center where Customer station loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to each other and/or to trunks.

End Office Access Service: For the purpose of this tariff, End Office Access Service shall mean: (1) The switching of access traffic at the carrier's end office switch and the delivery of such traffic to or from the called party's premise; (2) The routing of interexchange telecommunications traffic to or from the called party's premises, either directly or via contractual or other arrangements with an affiliated or unaffiliated entity, regardless of the specific functions provided or facilities used; (3) Any functional equivalent of the incumbent local exchange carrier access service provided by Company including local switching, the carrier common line rate elements, and intrastate access services. End Office Access Service rate elements for Company includes any functionally equivalent access service, or (4) The origination and termination of interexchange telecommunications traffic to any end user, either directly or via contractual arrangement with an affiliated or unaffiliated provider of interconnected VoIP service, as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 153(25), or a non-interconnected VoIP service, as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 153(36), that does not itself seek to collect reciprocal compensation charges prescribed by this subpart for that traffic, regardless of the specific functions provided or facilities used.

End User – A non-carrier customer of an intrastate telecommunications service. If a carrier uses telecommunications service for administrative purposes, it shall be deemed to be an End User.

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