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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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RE: DT 10-213
CRC COMMUNICATIONS OF MAINE, INC.:
Request to Amend CLEC and IXC
Certificates.

PRESENT: Chairman Thomas B. Getz, Presiding
Commissioner Clifton C. Below
Commissioner Amy L. Ignatius

Sandy Deno, Clerk

APPEARANCES: Reptg. CRC Communications of Maine, Inc.:
Trina M. Bragdon, Esq.

Reptg. PUC Staff:
Matthew J. Fossum, Esq.

Court Reporter: Steven E. Patnaude, LCR No. 52

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P R O C E E D I N G

CHAIRMAN GETZ: Okay. Good afternoon. We'll open the hearing in Docket DT 10-213. On August 9, 2010, CRC Communications of Maine filed a Petition to Amend its Authority as a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier in New Hampshire. CRC seeks authority to amend its authorization to allow it to provide local telecommunications services and interexchange telecommunications services in the territories served by Northland Telephone. We issued an order of notice on October 20 -- I'm sorry. We issued an order of notice on September 23rd setting a prehearing conference, and that prehearing conference date was revised to today.

I'll note that, in the order of notice, we indicated that Northland is the incumbent local exchange carrier potentially affected by the Petition and that they should file a request to intervene not later than August 22nd, 2010, and that it did not file such a Petition to Intervene.

I also note for the record that an affidavit of publication has been filed by CRC. And, I'll note also for the record that the Petitioner, CRC, is available telephonically today. And, at this point, we'll just take an appearance by CRC and permit its counsel to

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1 briefly state the relief it's seeking in this proceeding.

2 Is it Ms. Bragdon?

3 MS. BRAGDON: Yes, Commissioners. My
4 name is Trina Bragdon. I'm appearing today on behalf of
5 CRC Communications of Maine, Inc. And, with me virtually,
6 here on the phone, is Ed Tisdale of CRC Communications,
7 who filed testimony in this matter. First, let me thank
8 you for allowing us to proceed telephonically on this
9 matter. We certainly do appreciate it. And, we
10 understand that this is a bit of an experiment, and we do
11 appreciate it.

12 As stated in our Petition, we are
13 seeking to amend our authority to allow us to serve in the
14 territory of Northland of Maine, Inc., its territory
15 within New Hampshire. And, Mr. Tisdale has filed
16 testimony explaining why our Petition meets the statutory
17 requirements of RSA 374, Section 22-g. And, because he's
18 not there to be sworn today, we have filed with the
19 Commission today an affidavit, a sworn affidavit, stating
20 that, if Mr. Tisdale were asked the same questions today,
21 he would give the same answers, and that the information
22 in his testimony is true to the best of his knowledge.
23 And, so, we would request that the Commission grant our
24 Petition to amend our certificate.

1 CHAIRMAN GETZ: Okay. For
2 administrative purposes, what we will do is we'll mark for
3 identification as "Exhibit Number 1" the testimony filed
4 by Mr. Tisdale dated October 6, 2010.

5 (The document, as described, was
6 herewith marked as **Exhibit 1** for
7 identification.)

8 CHAIRMAN GETZ: And, I guess at this
9 point ask that -- ask whether Staff has any questions for
10 Mr. Tisdale?

11 MR. FOSSUM: No. Matthew Fossum, for
12 the Staff of the Commission. And, no, Staff does not have
13 any questions for Mr. Tisdale today.

14 CHAIRMAN GETZ: And, does the Bench have
15 any questions for Mr. Tisdale?

16 (No verbal response)

17 CHAIRMAN GETZ: Okay. So, then, I also
18 note that, so, we also have -- the affidavit has been
19 filed. But we'll just have the, in terms of evidence,
20 we'll have the single Exhibit 1 as the testimony. We'll
21 strike the identification and admit that exhibit into
22 evidence.

23 And, does Staff have any position to
24 take with respect to the Petition?

1 MR. FOSSUM: To the extent necessary,
2 Staff supports the Petition. We believe that the
3 testimony has laid out with sufficient grounds to allow
4 CRC to participate as a competitive exchange carrier and
5 an interexchange carrier in Northland's territory. And,
6 inasmuch as CRC already has an existing interexchange
7 agreement and has been operating in Northland's territory
8 in Maine for two years, it doesn't appear that Northland
9 would be adversely affected by granting the Petition.

10 CHAIRMAN GETZ: Okay. Is there anything
11 further that we need to address this afternoon?

12 (No verbal response)

13 CHAIRMAN GETZ: Okay. Hearing nothing,
14 then we will close the hearing and take the matter under
15 advisement. Thank you.

16 MS. BRAGDON: Thank you.

17 (Whereupon the hearing ended at 1:47
18 p.m.)