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SUBJECT:

DT 11-052 Level 3 Communication, LLC Revisions to NHPUC Tar

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TO:

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On March 17, 2011, Level 3 Communications LLC (Level 3) filed a revision to its NHPUC Tariff No. 1, to take effect on April 16, 2011. This tariff sets rates that Level 3 charges carriers that interconnect with it, including charges for access and tandem switching services.

The revision is described by Level 3 as introducing the company's "Third Party Tandem Connect" service. In the course of reviewing the filing, however, Staff discovered several other apparent changes in the tariff. Staff submitted a request to Level 3 to provide corrections and clarifications to the filing and the company is currently preparing a response.

On April 11, 2011, AT&T Corp. (ATT) petitioned the Commission to intervene in this proceeding and further petitioned the Commission to suspend the tariff pending a Commission investigation, pursuant to RSA 378:6. ATT expressed concern with perceived ambiguity in the revision's definition of the term "end office".

Pursuant to RSA 378:6, IV, "The Commission may, in its discretion and with reasonable explanation, including an explanation of the likely areas of disagreement with the tariff, extend the time for its determination by up to 30 days." In order to provide Level 3 with an opportunity to address concerns raised by Staff and ATT, staff recommends that the effective date of the tariff be extended by 30 days, to May 17, 2011.