

**BEFORE THE  
NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

In the matter of:	)	
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Petition of Comcast Phone of New Hampshire, LLC	)	
d/b/a Comcast Digital Phone for Arbitration of	)	
Rates, Terms and Conditions of Interconnection with	)	DOCKET NO. _____
Kearsarge Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom,	)	
Merrimack County Telephone Company d/b/a TDS	)	
Telecom and Wilton Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a	)	
TDS Telecom Pursuant to the Communications Act	)	
of 1934, as Amended	)	
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**PETITION FOR ARBITRATION  
OF COMCAST PHONE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, LLC**

**EXHIBIT A**

*Correspondence dated April 21, 2008  
from Beth Choroser at Comcast  
to Linda Lowrance at TDS*



Beth Choroser  
Senior Director, Regulatory Compliance

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VIA EMAIL

April 21, 2008

Ms. Linda Lowrance  
Manager – Interconnection  
TDS Telecom – Knoxville  
10025 Investment Drive, Suite 200  
Knoxville, TN 37932  
[Linda.Lowrance@tdstelecom.com](mailto:Linda.Lowrance@tdstelecom.com)

**RE: Request of Comcast Phone of New Hampshire, LLC d/b/a Comcast Digital Phone to Negotiate an Interconnection Agreement with TDS Telecommunications Corporation's Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries in New Hampshire**

Dear Linda:

Pursuant to Sections 251(a) and (b) of the Communication Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), Comcast Phone of New Hampshire, LLC, d/b/a Comcast Digital Phone, a Delaware Limited Liability Company ("Comcast"), requests that Hollis Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom, Kearsage Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom, Merrimack County Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom and Wilton Telephone Company, Inc. d/b/a TDS Telecom (collectively, "TDS-New Hampshire") enter into negotiations with Comcast for an interconnection agreement (the "Agreement") in the state of New Hampshire. The Agreement should include terms and conditions for interconnection, including but not limited to the following:

1. Direct and indirect network interconnection;
2. Number portability;
3. Reciprocal compensation at "bill and keep;"
4. Access to directory listings and directory assistance; and
5. Access to 911/E911 facilities, if owned or controlled by TDS-New Hampshire.

To the extent that TDS-New Hampshire does not currently support permanent local number portability ("LNP") in its applicable switches in New Hampshire, this letter shall also serve as a bona fide request ("BFR") for TDS-New Hampshire to open the switch(es) for number portability in the following rate center exchanges:

ANDOVER  
ANTRIM  
BEDFORD  
BELMONT  
BOSCAWEN  
CANDIA  
CANTERBURY  
CHICHESTER  
CONCORD  
CONTOOCOOK  
DANBURY  
EPSOM  
FRANKLIN  
GREENVILLE  
HENNIKER

HILLSBOROUGH  
HLLDMUPVLG  
MILFORD  
NEW LONDON  
NEWPORT  
PENACOOK  
PETERBOROUGH  
PITTSFIELD  
SALISBURY  
SUNAPEE  
SUNCOOK  
SUTTON  
WEARE  
WILTON

For the purposes of the negotiation, Comcast represents the following:

1. Comcast represents that it has been granted a Certificate of Authority to provide competitive local exchange service in the state of New Hampshire, including in the above exchanges.
2. In entering into the Agreement, Comcast does not waive any rights it may have to negotiate or arbitrate amendments to the Agreement, to negotiate a successor agreement or to adopt a replacement agreement should an adoptable agreement become available. In negotiating the Agreement in the state of New Hampshire, Comcast does not waive any of its rights or remedies under the Act, and such other state and federal law, rules, regulations, and decisions as may be applicable.
3. Notice to Comcast as may be required under the terms of the Agreement shall be provided as follows:

Mr. Brian Rankin  
Assistant General Counsel  
One Comcast Center, 50<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
brian\_rankin@comcast.com  
Tel: (215) 286-7325  
Fax: (215) 286-5039

with a copy to:

Ms. Beth Choroser  
Senior Director of Regulatory Compliance  
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Since at this time I believe we have reached substantive agreement on the terms for the Vermont agreement currently being negotiated, we propose to use that agreement as a starting point for negotiating the New Hampshire Agreement; provided however, neither Party shall be considered to waive any rights it may have in negotiating or arbitrating terms of the Agreement in the state of New Hampshire.

In connection with the negotiation of the Agreement, please contact me as soon as possible at the email address or phone number above to commence these negotiations. For the purposes of Section 252 of the Act, Comcast will consider the start date for negotiations to be April 25, 2008 unless the Parties agree to use an alternate start date.

Please let me know how you wish to proceed and advise me immediately if there is additional information that you require to process this request. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (215) 286-7893.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Beth Choroser*

Beth Choroser  
Senior Director of Regulatory Compliance

cc: Joyce Gailey (Kelley Drye)  
Andrew Fisher (Comcast)  
Stacey Parker (Comcast)  
Beth O'Donnell (Comcast)

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**EXHIBIT B**

*Correspondence dated November 7, 2008  
from Robert Munoz at Comcast  
to Linda Lowrance at TDS*

*Countersigned by Linda Lowrance and revising dates for Arbitration*



Robert Munoz  
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November 7, 2008

Ms. Linda Lowrance  
Manager – Interconnection  
TDS Telecom – Knoxville  
10025 Investment Drive, Suite 200  
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RE: Revised Date Upon Which Hollis Telephone Company, Inc., Kearsage Telephone Company, Merrimack County Telephone Company and Wilton Telephone Company, Inc. ("TDS") Received the Request to Negotiate an Interconnection Agreement with Comcast Phone of New Hampshire, LLC ("Comcast")

Dear Ms. Lowrance;

This letter is to confirm our agreement as to the window for negotiating an interconnection agreement between TDS and Comcast for the state of New Hampshire pursuant to Section 251 and 252 of the Communications Act of 1934 ("Act").

Specifically, TDS and Comcast agree to establish the start date of negotiations as July 5, 2008. As a result, the period during which either party may file for arbitration under section 252(b)(1) of the Act shall begin on November 17, 2008 and end on December 12, 2008. Those dates are the 135<sup>th</sup> and 160<sup>th</sup> days of negotiations, respectively.

It is anticipated that the additional time will allow TDS and Comcast to resolve the outstanding issues through further negotiations.

If the foregoing is acceptable to TDS, please sign in the space below and return by either fax to my attention at 215-286-5039 or send via e-mail.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call at the number provided above.

Sincerely,

Robert Munoz

Agreed by:  
TDS

Date: 11/10/08