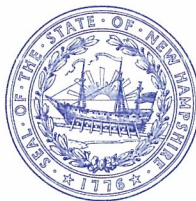


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January 22, 2016

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Peerless Network of New Hampshire, LLC
222 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 2730
Chicago, IL 60606

Re: DT 15-530: Peerless Network of New Hampshire, LLC Tariff for Switched Access Service

Dear Mr. Phipps:

On December 30, 2015, Peerless Network of New Hampshire, LLC (Peerless) submitted a filing described as an “NHPUC Tariff No. 3 – Switched Access Service.”

I am reviewing the proposed tariff and have questions about two rate elements, which may be higher than allowed. (The other rate elements look fine to me.) I believe that Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules cap competitive carrier rates at the current level of our price-cap carrier, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC (FairPoint).

Section 5.12 of the proposed tariff lists a rate of \$ 0.001600 for *Tandem Switching, Originating*. FairPoint’s current rate for this rate element is \$ 0.000503. Section 5.12 also lists a rate of \$ 0.001595 for *Common Trunk Port, Originating*. FairPoint’s rate for the equivalent rate element is \$ 0.001145.

Please reply to me with either a revision to the proposed tariff that brings these rates below the FairPoint level, or with an explanation of why you believe the rates are allowed under FCC rules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael C. Ladam", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael C. Ladam
Director, Regulatory Innovation and Strategy

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