

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DT 18-175

DIXVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY

Petition for Approval to Discontinue Operations

Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 26,235 Conditionally Granting Petition

April 22, 2019

On April 22, 2019, the Commission conditionally approved Dixville Telephone Company's discontinuance of landline telephone service operations as an incumbent local exchange carrier, including the provision of basic service under state law. The Commission found that approval is warranted in view of Dixville Telephone's unique circumstances, as it has only a few remaining customers, its continued operation is not financially sustainable without continuing subsidies, existing customers have indicated that they can obtain alternative service acceptable to them, there are no Lifeline customers, and all customers were notified of the petition and no customers objected to the proposed discontinuance.

The Commission's approvals will be effective as of July 1, 2019, subject to the condition that Dixville Telephone obtain any Federal Communications Commission approvals required under 47 U.S.C. § 214(a). The Commission also directs that the exchange code for Dixville Notch be returned to the numbering administrator, that Dixville Telephone attempt to negotiate mutually-agreeable dates for disconnection of customer services, or provide at least 10 days' notice prior to disconnecting service to any customer, and that Dixville Telephone continue to provide service to New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T Mobility) until replacement facilities are available and operational.

The Commission delayed the effectiveness of its order to ensure that Dixville's customers and the public receive notice of the Commission's determination and have an opportunity to file comments or request a hearing. The Commission's Order and docket filings in this matter, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, are posted at <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2018/18-175.html>.

All persons interested in responding to the order may submit their comments or file a written request for a hearing, which states the reason and basis for a hearing, no later than May 3, 2019. Any person(s) responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than May 9, 2019. Following consideration of any comments and requests for hearing received, the Commission may further extend the final effective date of its order. Unless the Commission orders otherwise, the Order shall become final and effective on May 10, 2019,

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