

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Inter-Department Communication

**DATE:** January 10, 2019  
**AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC

**FROM:**  Kath Mullholand, Director – Regulatory Innovation and Strategy Division

**SUBJECT:** Docket No. DT 18-190  
 Request for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement  
 between Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC and Charter  
 Fiberlink NH-CCO LLC  
**Staff Recommendation**

**TO:** Commissioners  
 Debra A. Howland, Executive Director

**CC:** David K. Wiesner, Legal Division Director

On December 20, 2018, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a Consolidated Communications-NNE (“CCI”) filed a request for approval of an amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between CCI and Charter Fiberlink NH-CCO LLC, under Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Staff notes that the Interconnection Agreement between CCI and Charter Fiberlink NH-CCO LLC was an adoption of an agreement between Verizon and C & W Communications, LLC, considered in Docket No. DT 08-043 and effective by operation of law on or about June 16, 2008. The agreement can be found on the Commission’s web pages at <http://www.puc.state.nh.us/Telecom/interconnectionagreements.htm>.

Charter Fiberlink NH-CCO LLC is a registered telecommunications carrier (a provider of only VOIP or IP-enabled services) in New Hampshire.

The purpose of this amendment is to align the contract with a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) order released November 11, 2011<sup>1</sup>, which provides that all “price-cap” local exchange carriers’ non-access reciprocal compensation rates shall be set pursuant to “bill and keep” arrangements after July 1, 2018. The amendment states that this provision represents a change in law.

Staff recommends that the adoption of this amendment to the Interconnection Agreement be allowed to go into effect by operation of law, 90 days after the date of the original filing,

<sup>1</sup> See, *In the Matter of Connect America Fund A National Broadband Plan for Our Future Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers High-Cost Universal Service Support Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service Lifeline and Link-Up Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund* FCC Docket 11-161 Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (November 18, 2011).

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