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**Special Contract between Bell Atlantic and
County of Cheshire**

**Order Approving in Part and Denying in Part a Request for Approval of
Special Contract No. 00-07**

O R D E R N O. 23,492

May 26, 2000

On April 26, 2000, New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, d/b/a Bell Atlantic (Bell Atlantic) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission), in accordance with New Hampshire RSA 378:18-b, a Special Contract to provide telecommunications services to the County of Cheshire. In support of the filing, Bell Atlantic submitted records and information, including cost support analysis, that are subject to confidential treatment pursuant to RSA 378:43.

Bell Atlantic further proposed to apply the contract retroactively in accordance with the relief contemplated in Order No. 23,198.

Staff has reviewed the contract and has recommended approval on a prospective basis. However, the language of Order No. 23,198 states that "if the outcome of the separate investigation supports Bell Atlantic's position, we will consider making this Special Contract, refiled after such resolution, effective 30 days from March 19, 1999, the

date of the original filing." We find that the outcome of the separate investigation did not support Bell Atlantic's position and therefore deny the retroactive application of this Special Contract. See Order No. 23,357.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the Special Contract between Bell Atlantic and the County of Cheshire is hereby approved prospectively as of May 26, 2000, and denied retroactively.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-six day of May, 2000.

Douglas L. Patch
Chairman

Susan S. Geiger
Commissioner

Nancy Brockway
Commissioner

Attested by:

Thomas B. Getz
Executive Director and Secretary