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**Tariff filing to provide Collocation to
Competitive Local Exchange Carriers at
Remote Terminal Equipment Enclosures**

Order Suspending Proposed Tariff Filing

O R D E R N O. 23,511

June 19, 2000

On May 18, 2000, Bell Atlantic-New Hampshire (BA) filed tariff pages with a proposed effective date of June 17, 2000, that would provide collocation arrangements to Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs) at Remote Terminal Equipment Enclosures (RTEE, together CRTEE).

The company stated that the filing was made pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) Third Report and Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, CC Docket No. 96-98, adopted September 15, 1999 and released November 5, 1999 and the Supplemental Order, adopted and released by the FCC on November 24, 1999 requiring Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECs) to make collocation available at Remote Terminal Equipment Enclosures.

The company further noted that these supplements to NHPUC Tariff No. 80 (Collocation Tariff) were filed without prejudice or any objections to the FCC Orders in any appropriate proceeding. The company specifically reserved the

right to such objections, as well as its right to modify or withdraw these tariff changes based upon revised cost studies or subsequent changes in the governing law.

In its description of the tariff, the Company notes that CRTEE is available with physical and virtual collocation and includes controlled environment vaults, huts, cabinets and remote terminals in buildings not owned by BA. Further, as proposed, CRTEE is provided on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to availability of space and right of way and building owner approval, as applicable. BA further notes in its description of the tariff offering that it will not renegotiate leases or easements or create new RTEE space in order to meet CLEC demand for CRTEE.

In the course of its review of the tariff, Staff noted that certain of the rate elements included in this filing (specifically, they are the rates for Equipment Support, DC Power, and Conduit and Space) are rates that became effective on September 22, 1999, but which are subject to revision pending the final outcome of Docket DT 99-083. Staff therefore recommended to the Commission that the instant tariff filing be suspended pending the outcome of Docket DT 99-083 which will address the remainder of the Collocation Tariff, including the rates for the elements listed above.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the tariff filing is suspended for 90 days.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this nineteenth day of June, 2000.

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Chairman

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

Attested by:

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