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FROM: Jennifer Ducharme, Utility Analyst 
SUBJECT: DT 10-127, Union Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom, Tariff Filing to Remove IntraLATA Toll Services
TO: Commissioners
Debra Howland, Executive Director

On April 28, 2010, Union Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom¹ (Union) submitted a filing to remove the IntraLATA Toll Services included in Union's NHPUC Tariff No. 7. Union noted that these services are now being offered through its affiliate, TDS Long Distance Corporation (TDS Long Distance), on a grandfathered basis, effective April 20, 2010.

In its filing, Union stated that the filing was consistent with the representations made in NH PUC Docket No. DT 09-136, the acquisition of Union Telephone Company by TDS Telecom, and that this would be the final step in the process. Union stated that its customers will benefit from the larger scale and additional competitive toll offerings available from TDS Long Distance and that Union Long Distance customers had been notified of the proposed transfer to TDS Long Distance by a letter dated March 15, 2010.

Union listed ten IntraLATA toll plans that are now provided by TDS Long Distance and would be removed from Union's tariff. They are MTS Two Point Service, Selective Calling, Circle Calling Service, New Hampshire Link, Granite State Service, Union Business Advantage I and II, Union 800 Service, Union 800 Flex Service and the Simple Saver Plan. Customers who are currently subscribed to any of these plans from Union will not see a change to any of their rates, terms, or conditions when they switch to TDS Long Distance.

Customers who are not currently subscribed to a Union Long Distance call plan (i.e. casual or default rated customers) will experience international call rate changes and all casual/default rated calls for direct dialed in-state and state-to-state long distance will be charged at a rate of \$0.17 per minute, a change from its previous rates, which were time of day sensitive.

¹ The transfer of Union Telephone Company's assets to TDS Telecom was approved by the Commission on November 20, 2009 by Order No. 25,045.

Another change occurring as a result of this tariff revision will be to the charge for interstate long distance directory assistance. A customer who chooses to subscribe to TDS Long Distance, and calls directory assistance (1+Area Code-555-1212), will experience a directory or operator assistance charge of \$0.95 per call, which is the current billed TDS interstate directory assistance rate, as listed in its tariff.

There will be no changes to current Union customers dialing local directory assistance (411) or operator assistance (0 + local number) and Union's local customers will continue to receive local directory assistance call allowances and rates as listed in the current Union tariff. Charges are only applicable once the customer has exceeded their local directory assistance monthly call allowance of 5 calls.

The transfer to TDS Long Distance will provide existing and future customers with more options and lower toll rate alternatives. Union will receive intrastate access and billing and collection revenue from TDS Long Distance for these calls. Customer impacts are minimal from the proposed revision, and therefore, Staff recommends allowing the change to go into effect by operation of law on May 28, 2010, as requested.

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