


STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

DATE: September 1, 2010

AT (OFFICE): NHPUC

FROM: Jennifer Ducharme, Utility Analyst 

SUBJECT: DT 10-183 – Petition by Certain Rural Telephone Companies
Regarding CLEC Registrations within their Exchanges.

TO: Debra Howland, Executive Director
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On September 1, 2010, Light Tower Fiber, LLC d/b/a Lighttower Fiber Networks (Lighttower) filed NHPUC Form CLEC-35, Withdrawal of Application or Authorization. Lighttower was granted CLEC authorization on February 24, 2010, pursuant to Authorization Number CL-02-003-10, which authorized Lighttower to provide CLEC services in a statewide service territory. Lighttower affirmed that it currently has no customers in New Hampshire.

Along with NHPUC Form CLEC-35, Lighttower filed NHPUC Form CLEC-10, CLEC Application for Registration. Lighttower is now requesting authorization to provide telecommunications services only within the FairPoint Communications service territory.

Staff has reviewed the two filings and recommends approval of both. Upon formal approval by the Commission, Lighttower will no longer have authority to provide CLEC services to a statewide service territory, but merely in the territory of the non-exempt ILEC, FairPoint Communications, and will therefore not participate in Docket No. DT 10-183.

Please let me know if you have any questions.