

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DRM 12-036**

**RULEMAKING**

**New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules  
PART Puc 400, Rules for Telephone Service**

**SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER OF NOTICE**

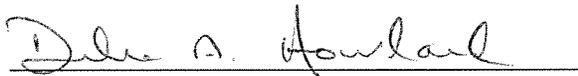
On February 2, 2012, a Request for Advance Comment on a Subject Matter of Proposed Rulemaking concerning New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules PART Puc 400 — Rules for Telephone Service was published in the New Hampshire Rulemaking Register. That notice provided for a public comment session on April 17, 2012 and for written comments to be accepted until June 13, 2012. At the April 17, 2012 public comment session commenters indicated that it would be beneficial to extend the written comment period to allow additional time for commenters to incorporate possible legislative changes. On May 17, 2012 a new Request for Advance Comment on a Subject Matter of Proposed Rulemaking concerning New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules PART Puc 400 — Rules for Telephone Service was published in the New Hampshire Rulemaking Register. The new request is appended to this Order of Notice. The new request provides that Commission Staff will be accepting comments relating to PART Puc 400 through the close of business on July 6, 2012 but is otherwise unchanged from the prior notice. The comments are being accepted for purposes of informing the Commission on the production and adoption of an Initial Proposal.

Pursuant to RSA 541-A:6, III, this order of notice shall be sent to all those regulated by these rules and those who have made a request for notice of rulemaking proceedings. In addition, this notice will also be published in a publication of daily statewide circulation.

**Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby**

**ORDERED**, that Commission Staff will accept written comments until the close of business on July 6, 2012; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that the Commission shall provide public notice by publishing a copy of this order of notice together with the Request for Advance Comment no later than June 6, 2012, in a newspaper with daily statewide circulation.



Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director

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REQUEST FOR ADVANCE PUBLIC COMMENT ON SUBJECT  
MATTER OF POSSIBLE RULEMAKING

	Rule Number	Puc 400 (If applicable)
1. Agency Name & Address:  Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit St. Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301	2. RSA Authority:	RSA 365:8, VII & XII; RSA 374:22-g, III & :22-m & :22-q, III & 28- a, IV; RSA 378:1 & :48
	3. Federal Authority:	47 U.S.C. §§ 151 et seq.
	4. Type of Action: Adoption _____ Amendment _____ Repeal _____ Readoption _____ Readoption w/amendment _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

5. Short Title: **Puc 400 - RULES FOR TELEPHONE SERVICE**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH RSA 541-A:11, VIII THIS AGENCY IS SOLICITING PUBLIC COMMENT ON A SUBJECT MATTER OF POSSIBLE RULEMAKING UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO FORMALLY PROPOSING RULES IN THE RULEMAKING PROCESS. WHERE, WHEN, AND HOW PERSONS MAY PROVIDE COMMENT ARE INDICATED BELOW.

6. (a) Summary of the subject matter, or summary of the rule if drafted, and the effect on those regulated:

This notice is provided for the purpose of extending the deadline for comments on a subject matter of possible rulemaking from June 13, 2012 to July 6, 2012. The notice is otherwise unchanged from the notice published in the February 3, 2012 Rulemaking Register, except that a second hearing is not scheduled.

The rules set forth definitions of terms, general rules, rights and obligations, and statutory and other requirements, including requirements for: registration and reporting; the filing and maintenance of tariffs and rate schedules; certain intercarrier relationships; customer relations and consumer protections; and public safety and emergency response.

In addition to readopting the above, and in light of substantial changes at the local, state and national levels, the rules will also address, to the extent necessary, requirements for other items, including: rights and obligations imposed, altered or eliminated by the United States Congress and Federal Communications Commission; and additional or modified requirements for the preservation of universal service, protection of public safety and welfare, ensuring the continued quality of telecommunications services and safeguarding the rights of consumers in a competitive environment. The readopted rules will also focus on streamlining the existing rules to limit redundancies.

6. (b) Brief description of the groups affected:

Any person or entity that provides or will provide regulated telephone service in New Hampshire as defined in the rules, and customers of such providers.

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7. Contact person for copies, questions, and receipt of comment including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:

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TTY/TDD Access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964 or dial 711 (in NH)

8. Deadline for submission of comment in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified: **July 6, 2012**

Fax:  X

E-mail:  X

Other format (specify):

9. Public hearing scheduled for: **Not Applicable**

Date and Time:

Place:

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