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SUBJECT: DT 12-117, Dunbarton Telephone Company Tariff Filing to Add Provisions for VoIP/PSTN Traffic

TO: Commissioners
Debra Howland, Executive Director
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On May 1, 2012, Dunbarton Telephone Company (Dunbarton) submitted a tariff filing to establish a process for identifying and rating VoIP/PSTN access traffic, to take effect June 1, 2012.

The proposed revision addresses new requirements established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regarding VoIP traffic charges. The revision includes provisions allowing a Dunbarton wholesale customer to furnish ratios of expected IP traffic in its overall minutes of use, and provisions for Dunbarton to adopt a default ratio of 0% when the customer has not furnished such. (Some other carriers have used a default ratio based on their own percentage of VoIP customers. A value of 0% is equivalent for carriers that have deployed no VoIP services.)

In Staff's assessment, this tariff revision is consistent with FCC requirements and provides a reasonable process for identifying and rating the traffic involved. Since this tariff has taken effect pursuant to RSA 378:3 and RSA 378:6, IV, no further review or approval is required.