

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

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SUBJECT: DT 12-125, Granite State Communications Tariff Filing to Add Provisions for VoIP/PSTN Traffic

TO: Commissioners
Debra Howland, Executive Director
Kate Bailey, Director, Telecommunications

On May 15, 2012, Granite State Communications (Granite State) submitted a tariff filing to establish a process for identifying and rating VoIP/PSTN access traffic, to take effect June 14, 2014.

The proposed revision addresses new requirements established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regarding VoIP traffic charges. The revision includes provisions allowing a Granite State wholesale customer to furnish ratios of expected IP traffic in its overall minutes of use, and provisions for Granite State 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. Staff recommends that this tariff filing be allowed to go into effect by operation of law as submitted.

