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Intrastate Access Reform
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On May 25, 2012, Metropolitan Telecommunications, Inc. ("MetTel") filed NHPUC mandated spreadsheets containing proposed changes to its NH Intrastate Access Service rate schedule, to comply with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Report and Order FCC 11-161.

FCC Order 11-161 requires that CLECs reduce their revenue from intrastate switched access rates by one half of the difference between the revenue from intrastate access as recorded during the fiscal year October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011(FY 2011), and the revenue that would have been produced using interstate rates and FY 2011 intrastate demand. Carriers are allowed to calculate the allowed revenue and create a rate design to produce the allowed revenue. On July 13, 2012 MetTel submitted Rate Sheets reflecting the above referenced rate reduction, though it stated that it had omitted those sheets from the material it submitted on May 30, 2012.

Staff reviewed the MetTel filing and determined that the proposed revisions are consistent with the requirements of the FCC Order.

Though submitted after the July 1, 2012 deadline established by the FCC, Staff recommends approval of this filing, to go into effect as proposed, on July 1, 2012 consistent with the requirement of RSA 378:2 that schedules filed pursuant to the requirements of a duly constituted federal authority conform, as nearly as may be, with the requirements of that authority. To the extent MetTel may have billed rates after July 1, 2012 that are higher than those in its July 13, 2012 submission, Staff recommends that the Commission require MetTel credit its customers any difference.