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Re: DT 08-028 TDS Telecom Companies
Petition for Authority to Block Termination of Traffic from Global NAPs

Dear Ms. Howland:

This letter provides a summary of the technical session held in the above-referenced docket on May 14, 2008.

A technical session was held in Docket No. DT 08-028 on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, immediately following a prehearing conference. Participants in the session included representatives for TDS Telecom, Global NAPs, Northland Telephone Company of Maine d/b/a FairPoint, Granite State Telephone, Dunbarton Telephone, Bretton Woods Telephone Company, Dixville Telephone Company, BayRing Communications, Union Telephone, and Staff. The participants discussed factual issues raised by the filings and agreed on a procedural schedule.

The parties agreed to work toward a stipulation of facts for filing with the Commission at the conclusion of discovery. Toward that end, parties agreed to the following: that Global NAPs transfers all traffic at issue in this proceeding to FairPoint in traditional time division multiplexing (TDM) format and FairPoint terminates that traffic the same way it terminates a traditional voice call through meet point billing with the independent. An agreed-upon discovery schedule aims toward collecting and clarifying additional, relevant facts required for a thorough and fair consideration of the issues raised in the petition.

Participants agreed to the following guidelines for the discovery process:

1. Discovery will be conducted via electronic mail, with copies of each filing to all parties and intervenors and one copy directed to the attention of the NHPUC Librarian by e-mail to jody.carmody@puc.nh.gov.

2. Union, BayRing, Granite State Telephone, Dunbarton, Northland, Bretton Woods and Dixville do not require copies of confidential materials containing customer proprietary network information that may be submitted by TDS or Global NAPs.
3. TDS and Global NAPs will conclude a protective agreement amongst themselves covering any exchange of any confidential materials.
4. The first round of discovery will be limited to 10 data requests per party; the second round will be limited to 15 data requests per party. Any sub-parts of a data request will be counted as separate requests.
5. In the event any party disputes the relevance of data requests submitted during the course of discovery, disputes will be submitted to a hearing examiner for resolution.
6. Global NAPs will e-mail its interconnection agreement with Verizon (assumed by FairPoint), if Global NAPs has it electronically.

Pursuant to technical session discussions and agreement of the participants, Staff proposes the following procedural schedule, with adjudication to be made on the papers:

May 23, 2008	Discovery served on and by all parties
June 6, 2008	Data responses due from all parties
June 13, 2008	Follow-up discovery and any additional, relevant discovery served on and by all parties
June 27, 2008	Follow-up and additional data responses due from all parties
July 9, 2008	Technical Session/Stipulation of Facts
Aug. 1, 2008	Briefs

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 603.271.6030 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,


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