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SUBJECT: DT 12-324 Joint Petition of Bretton Woods Telephone Company and

Northern New England Telephone Operations, LLC to Modify Service

Territory Boundaries

TO: Commissioners

Debra Howland, Executive Director

On October 31, 2012, Bretton Woods Telephone Company (BWTC) and Northern New England Telephone Operations, LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications-NNE (FairPoint) jointly filed a petition to modify their service territory boundary pursuant to RSA 374:30. According to the petition, a portion of FairPoint's territory will be transferred to BWTC.

The petition states that Bretton Woods has the technical, managerial, and financial capability of maintaining the obligations of an incumbent local exchange carrier as set forth in RSA 362:8 and RSA 374:22-p. FairPoint does not offer internet service in the service territory and there are two customers that would like to obtain high-speed broadband from BWTC.

Staff has reviewed the filing as well as additional information provided by BWTC and FairPoint in response to a data request by Staff. Based on its review, Staff recommends approval of this petition.