

BEFORE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
Concord, New Hampshire 03301-2429

In re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Traffic Exchange Agreement Negotiated by and between Dunbarton Telephone Company and Verizon Wireless Pursuant to Sections 251(a) and 251(b)(5) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.*

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE TRAFFIC EXCHANGE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BY AND BETWEEN DUNBARTON TELEPHONE COMPANY AND VERIZON WIRELESS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 251(A) AND 251(B)(5) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 251(a) AND 251(b)(5) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

Dunbarton Telephone Company (“Dunbarton”) respectfully files this request with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission for approval of the attached Amendment to the Traffic Exchange Agreement (the “Amendment”). The Amendment was negotiated by and between Dunbarton and Verizon Wireless (“VZW”) pursuant to Sections 251(a) & (b)(5) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (“the Act”). The Amendment provides for the continued interconnection and mutual exchange of traffic between the two companies’ networks. Dunbarton, therefore, respectfully requests that the Commission act within the ninety (90) days specified by the Act and approve the Amendment.

In support of its request, Dunbarton states the following:

THE PARTIES

1. Dunbarton is an incumbent local exchange carrier authorized to provide local exchange service in the State of New Hampshire.
2. VZW is a telecommunications carrier that has been granted authority by the Federal Communications Commission to provide CMRS service in State of New Hampshire.

THE AGREEMENT

3. Dunbarton and VZW have successfully negotiated the Amendment for the continued interconnection and mutual exchange of traffic between the two companies' networks. A copy of the Amendment is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

4. Dunbarton and VZW have entered into this Amendment, pursuant to Sections 251(a) and 251(b)(5) of the Act.

5. Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Act, Dunbarton is submitting the Amendment to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission for its consideration and approval.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE ACT

6. First, as required by Section 252(e)(2)(a)(i) of the Act, the Amendment does not discriminate against any other telecommunications carrier.

7. Second, the Amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity, as required by Section 252(e)(2)(a)(ii) of the Act.

APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT

8. In accordance with Section 252(e) of the Act, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission is charged with approving or rejecting the Amendment between Dunbarton and VZW within ninety (90) days of its submission. The Act provides that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission may reject such Amendment only if it finds that the Amendment or any portion thereof discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Mark A. Ozanick, hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Traffic Exchange Agreement on the following *via* United States Mail:

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Amendment, or if it finds that the implementation of the Amendment or any portion thereof is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

9. Dunbarton and VZW aver that the Amendment is consistent with the standards for approval.

10. Pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act, once the Amendment is approved, Dunbarton will make the entire Amendment available to all requesting telecommunications carriers.

11. Dunbarton respectfully requests that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission approve the Amendment negotiated between the parties without revision and as expeditiously as possible consistent with the public interest.

This 12th day of February 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 
Mark A. Ozanick
John Staurulakis, Inc.
On Behalf Of:
Dunbarton Telephone Company