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SUBJECT: DT 13-073 Granite State Telephone, Inc.
Amendment to Traffic Exchange Agreement with Verizon Wireless
TO: Commission
Debra Howland, Executive Director

On March 5, 2013, Granite State Telephone, Inc. filed for approval an Amendment to its Traffic Exchange Agreement with Verizon Wireless, to conform with the requirements of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in its orders, Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 26 FCC Rcd 17663 (2011) and Order on Reconsideration, 26 FCC Rcd 17633 (2011) (FCC orders). The original Traffic Exchange Agreement became effective on or about January 1, 2005.

Pursuant to the FCC orders, intercarrier compensation for non-access traffic exchanged between LECs and CMRS providers, with an interconnection agreement in effect as of December 29, 2011, is subject to a default bill-and-keep methodology on July 1, 2012. The amendment to the subject traffic exchange agreement reflects this change in law.

Staff recommends the Commission allow the Amendment to go into effect.