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Re: DT 14-050: TDS Telecom VoIP Access Tariffs

Dear Ms. Ladwig:

On February 14, 2014, the five New Hampshire telephone companies owned and operated by TDS Telecom (Merrimack County Telephone Company, Wilton Telephone Company, Hollis Telephone Company, Union Telephone Company, and Chichester, Kearsarge and Meriden Telephone Companies) submitted tariff filings to revise their method for rating Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) access charges. Each of the five companies uses the same methodology for rating such traffic, and the revisions make the same changes in each of the five tariffs. The Commission has therefore considered the proposed revisions in a single docket.

The proposed revisions establish a process for distinguishing between originating and terminating VoIP access minutes, and apply interstate access rates to terminating minutes as required by Federal Communications Commission (FCC) orders.

Staff reviewed these revisions and concluded that they are consistent with FCC requirements and provide a reasonable process for identifying and rating the traffic involved, and recommended that the revisions be allowed to take effect. The Commission has accepted Staff's recommendation. The tariff revisions will go into effect by operation of law on March 17, 2014.

For administrative efficiency, an order will not be issued by the Commission either suspending, rejecting, or approving the proposed tariff changes. Pursuant to RSA 378:3 and RSA 378:6, IV, the proposed revision, as filed, and pursuant to Staff's recommendation, is effective as of March 17, 2014. Tariff pages should be filed referencing Docket No. DT 14-050 and reflecting the effective date of March 17, 2014.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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