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To: All New Hampshire Telephone Utilities

Re: DT 14-160, Intrastate Access Rate Tariff Filings by CLECs, 2014

On June 3, 2014, Commission Staff reported to the Commission that a discrepancy between federal tariff filing timelines and New Hampshire tariff filing timelines could cause confusion with regard to intrastate access tariff revisions. In particular, companies that are Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs) under federal law are allowed to file interstate access tariff revisions with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as late as July 16, 2014, to take effect no later than July 31, 2014. This FCC filing timeline does not comport well with New Hampshire rules.

Puc 1603.07(a) permits proposed tariff changes to become effective only after 30 days' prior notice to the Commission and the public, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. Puc 1604.05(d) requires utilities to file written waiver requests for earlier effective dates for tariff revisions.

In its report, Staff noted that the intrastate access rate reduction process has been a matter of public record since 2011, reducing concerns about sufficient notice for this expected set of filings. Staff therefore recommended that the Commission waive the 30 days notice requirement of Puc 1603.07(a) and the waiver request requirement of Puc 1604.05(d) for CLEC intrastate access tariff revision filings. This will allow CLECs and the Commission to more closely follow the corresponding FCC process and timeline.

The Commission has accepted Staff's recommendation. Accordingly, for intrastate access tariff revisions filed by CLECs prior to July 17, 2014, the Commission hereby waives Puc 1603.07(a) so that such tariff revisions may take effect on the specified effective date, even when that date is less than 30 days after the filing is made, and the Commission also waives Puc 1604.05(d), thereby allowing CLECs to make such tariff revision filings with proposed effective dates less than 30 days after filing, without submitting a waiver request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director

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