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Ms. Debra Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: Granite Telecommunications, LLC Tariff Advice Letter No. 3, 2016 FCC
USF/ICC Transformation Order/47 C.F.R. §51.911(c) Terminating Access Rate
Reduction

Dear Ms. Howland:

Granite Telecommunications, LLC dba Cornerstone Communications (“Granite”) submits to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission an original and two (2) copies of amended Sheets 2 and 38 to the Company’s New Hampshire switched exchange access tariff, New Hampshire P.U.C. Tariff No.1 for incorporation into the Company’s Tariff.

This submission is made pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission’s (“FCC”) *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, in Docket Nos. WC Docket No. 10-90, et al., FCC 11-161,¹ *Second Order on Reconsideration* in Docket Nos. WC Docket No. 10-90, et al., FCC 12-47,² and Sections 51.911 and 61.26(c)³ of the FCC’s rules, 47 C.F.R. §§51.911, 61.26(c).

¹ *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Dkt. No. 10-90 et al., *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, FCC 11-161 (rel. Nov. 18, 2011) (*USF/ICC Transformation Order*), *pets. for review pending*, *Direct Commc'ns Cedar Valley, LLC v. FCC*, No. 11-9581 (10th Cir. filed Dec. 8, 2011) (and consolidated cases).

² *Id.*, *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, FCC 12-47 (rel. April 25, 2014)

³ Pursuant to Section 61.26(c), “The benchmark rate for a CLEC’s switched exchange access services will be the rate charged for similar services by the competing ILEC. If an ILEC to which a CLEC benchmarks its rates, pursuant to this section, lowers the rate to which a CLEC benchmarks, the CLEC must revise its rates to the lower level **within 15 days of the effective date of the lowered ILEC rate.**” [Emphasis supplied].

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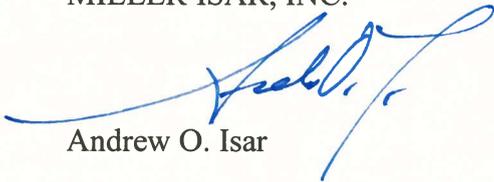
Granite will comply with the above cited orders and rules by reducing its terminating intrastate end office rate element to \$0.0007 consistent with the corresponding Fairpoint Telephone Companies' June 16, 2016 amendment to Tariff F.C.C. No. 1, effective July 1, 2016. Further, Granite disaggregates its terminating access rates. Granite requests a July 1, 2016 effective date to comply.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by date-stamping and returning the additional copy of this transmittal letter in the self-addressed, postage-paid envelope provided for this purpose.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Questions may be directed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

MILLER ISAR, INC.



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Regulatory Consultants to
Granite Telecommunications, LLC

Enclosures