

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

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FROM:  Kath Mullholand, Director – Regulatory Innovation and Strategy Division

SUBJECT: Docket No. DT 20-022
Request for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement
between TDS Telecom and Teleport Communications America, LLC
Staff Recommendation

TO: Commissioners
Debra A. Howland, Executive Director

CC: David K. Wiesner, Legal Division Director

On February 25, 2020, TDS Telecom filed a request for approval of an Interconnection Agreement between TDS Telecom and Teleport Communications America, LLC (“Teleport”), under Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Teleport is an ELEC provider of telecommunications services duly authorized by the Commission as a public utility in the state.

TDS Telecom states that the Interconnection Agreement is the result of arms-length negotiations between the two parties, does not discriminate against any other telecommunications carrier, and is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. TDS Telecom also asserts that approval of the Interconnection Agreement will increase competition and is likely to benefit New Hampshire consumers.

Staff recommends that the Interconnection Agreement be allowed to go into effect by operation of law, 90 days after the date of the original filing.

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