

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IR 20-110**

**NEW HAMPSHIRE INCUMBENT LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIERS**

**Investigation into Administration and Oversight of the  
Telecommunications Relay Service Fund**

**ORDER OF NOTICE**

On May 28, 2020, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued an order of notice in Docket No. DT 20-068 in response to Sprint Communications Company L.P.'s (Sprint) request to adjust its rates for a number of Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) programs in New Hampshire. In that order of notice, the Commission stated that the filing raised issues related to "whether, in light of telephone industry deregulation, the Commission remains the appropriate party to administer the TRS Fund, and, if not, then what alternative administrator(s) would be appropriate."

On June 19, 2020, following a prehearing conference in Docket No. DT 20-068, Commission Staff (Staff), Sprint, the New Hampshire Telephone Association, and Northeast Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services, Inc. met in a technical session. On June 23, Staff filed a report on that technical session, stating that Staff and the parties jointly recommended addressing issues relating to the TRS Fund in a separate docketed proceeding. Based on that recommendation, the Commission is commencing this investigation.

The investigation raises, inter alia, issues related to whether the Commission is the appropriate party to administer the TRS Fund, and, if not, then what alternative administrator(s) would be appropriate; and issues relating to what legal authority is required to modify the

existing TRS Fund administration and oversight structure. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

All incumbent local exchange carriers are hereby made mandatory parties to this docket.

This order of notice and any docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2020/20-110.html>.

**Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby**

**ORDERED**, that the Executive Director shall publish a copy of this Order of Notice on the Commission's website, and notify by electronic mail the incumbent local exchange carriers, no later than July 14, 2020.

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that the incumbent local exchange carriers, either jointly or individually, shall file with the Commission a statement containing the information they believe to be relevant to this investigation on or before July 24, 2020; and it is

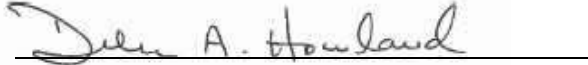
**FURTHER ORDERED**, that written comments consistent with this order and N.H. Admin. R., Puc 202.06 may be filed with the Commission's Executive Director on or before July 24, 2020; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that written comments may also be filed by electronic mail sent to [executive.director@puc.nh.gov](mailto:executive.director@puc.nh.gov); and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that Staff shall make inquiries, as needed, of other stakeholders and persons with information that would benefit its investigation; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that Staff shall file a recommendation to the Commission no later than August 14, 2020, including whether additional process is required to complete this investigation.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this fourteenth day of  
July, 2020.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra A. Howland". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director

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