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**VERIZON NEW HAMPSHIRE
GRANITE STATE TELEPHONE, INC.**

Joint Petition to Modify Service Territory Boundary

Order *Nisi* Approving Boundary Modification

ORDER NO. 24,423

January 7, 2005

On November 16, 2004, Verizon New Hampshire (Verizon) and Granite State Telephone, Inc. (GST) filed a petition to modify a service territory boundary as described below and depicted on a revised franchise map submitted with the petition.

The petition requests approval to modify the service territory boundary between the Marlow and Washington exchanges. There are currently no customers receiving service from GST in this service area. Housing construction is underway in the Washington exchange. GST is unable to efficiently extend its facilities from the Washington exchange to this area, while Verizon is able to extend its Marlow exchange facilities to serve new customers requesting service.

RSA 374:30 permits a utility to transfer franchise territory to another utility upon a determination by the Commission that such transfer is for the public good.

The transfer will facilitate efficient service and maintenance in the service area; we thus find the petition to be for the public good.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED *NISI*, that subject to the effective date below, that the proposed Marlow/Washington exchange boundary change is approved as filed; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Verizon and GST file properly annotated tariff pages in compliance with this Commission order no later than 30 days from the effective date of this order as required by NH Admin. Rules, PUC 1603.02, along with two copies of the relevant maps; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Verizon and GST shall provide a copy of this order to the Town Clerks of Marlow and Washington no later than January 17, 2005 and to be documented by affidavit filed with this office on or before February 7, 2005; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that new service be provided pursuant to the approved franchise boundary; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that all persons interested in responding to this petition be notified that they may submit their comments or file a written request for a hearing which states the reason and basis for a hearing no later than January 24, 2005 for the Commission's consideration; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party interested in responding to such comments or request for hearing shall do so no later than January 31, 2005; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that this Order *Nisi* shall be effective February 7, 2005, unless Verizon and GST fail to satisfy the publication obligation set forth above or the Commission provides otherwise in a supplemental order issued prior to the effective date.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this seventh day
of January, 2005.

Thomas B. Getz
Chairman

Michael Harrington
Commissioner

Graham Morrison
Commissioner

Attested by:

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director & Secretary