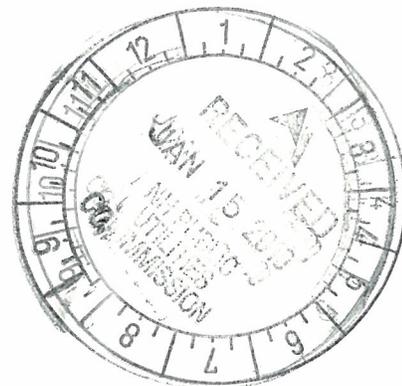


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BY HAND DELIVERY

Debra A. Howland, Executive Director & Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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Re: DT 09-044 Petition for an Investigation into the Regulatory Status of IP Enabled
Voice Telecom Service

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed for filing in the above-docketed proceeding are an original and seven (7) copies
of the Initial Brief of the Rural Carriers of the New Hampshire Telephone Association.

A compact disk containing the testimony is also enclosed.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Harry N. Malone".

Harry N. Malone

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