

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

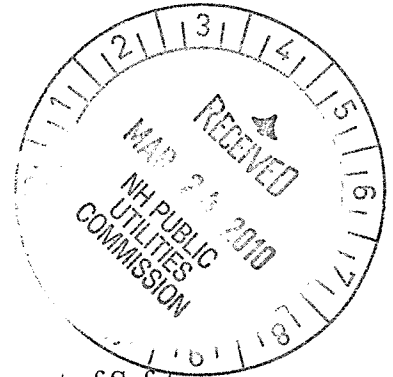
## Inter-Department Communication

**DATE:** March 24, 2010  
**AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC

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**SUBJECT:** DT 10-054

**TO:** Commission  
Executive Director



On March 10, 2010, the Commission received a request from the Department of Safety, Division of Emergency Services and Communications, to implement a 7 cent rate decrease in the E911 surcharge for effect April 1, 2010. Pursuant to RSA 106-H:9, new tariffs or rate schedules shall be filed with the public utilities commission reflecting the surcharge amount.

On March 19, 2010, Staff contacted the incumbent local exchange carriers, Comcast, MetroCast and Time Warner, to ascertain whether it would be possible to implement the rate decrease by April 1. The responding carriers<sup>1</sup> unanimously agreed the rate change could be implemented by April 1 provided it could be implemented on a bills rendered basis. Puc 1203.05 (b) requires any rate change ordered by the Commission be implemented on a service rendered basis.

Some of the carriers indicated they would not be able to implement the rate change on a service rendered basis by April 1. Staff recommends the Commission waive Puc 1203.05(b) for the following reasons: 1) every ILEC and CLEC will be required to implement this rate change on very short notice and some cannot implement it on a service rendered basis without additional time and expense; 2) the rate change has no impact on utility revenue; and 3) the difference on the rate impact to customers between implementation on a bills rendered and service rendered basis is minimal.

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<sup>1</sup> Responding carriers include Bretton Woods, Comcast, Dunbarton, Granite State, FairPoint (FairPoint and Northland), MetroCast, TDS (Hollis, Wilton, Merrimack, Kearsarge and Union) and Time Warner.