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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 21  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301



Re: DT 10-211, Petition of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator for Relief of the 603 Numbering Plan Area

Dear Ms. Howland:

At the pre-hearing conference held on October 27, 2010, in the above-captioned docket, the Commission requested that Staff, the parties and intervenors propose ideas on extending the life of the 603 area code. By this letter Staff submits two proposals for extending the area code and requests that the Commission approve the date for the rescheduled technical session to discuss the proposals of all parties.

As to Staff's first proposal, Staff notes that GlobalNAPs was the code holder for 44 complete NXX (or exchange) codes totaling 440,000 telephone numbers. The codes were assigned to GlobalNAPs prior to the implementation of thousand block pooling and remained fully assigned to GlobalNAPs. On August 16, 2010, FairPoint disconnected service to GlobalNAPs, disabling all services provided by GlobalNAPs. On November 2, 2010, Global NAPs forfeit its authority to operate in New Hampshire, and is no longer certified to provide utility service in the state.

Staff obtained a list of seven carriers to which active GlobalNAPs' numbers were ported and sent letters to the carriers requesting information about the number of active telephone numbers in each of the GlobalNAPs exchanges. Staff has received information from six of the carriers. Based on information received from these six carriers, in most of the exchange codes there are 2 or fewer active telephone numbers. Staff believes there is an opportunity to reclaim some of these NXX codes, which will extend the life of the 603 area code, but information is necessary from the remaining carrier before we can complete the analysis.

Staff's second proposal is to work with the parties to determine if rate center consolidation could be implemented to extend the life of the area code. Staff will discuss this possibility with the parties at the up-coming technical session. The technical session, as noted in Staff's October 27, 2010 Report on Technical Session was initially scheduled for December 17.

Due to Staff's conflict, the parties have agreed to reschedule the technical session to December 21, 2010, at 1:30, and Staff requests that the Commission approve this date. Staff also believes the technical session can be conducted via conference call and has made arrangements to do so.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew J. Fossum", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Matthew J. Fossum

Staff Attorney