In reply refer to: TAL_42 Released: September 7, 2011

To: Responsible Officers

Re: Interest Rate on Customer Deposits PART Puc 1203.03(1)(3)

I. INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this letter is to inform all NH Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILEC), Certified Local Exchange Carriers (CLEC), and Certified Toll Providers (CTP) that the September 2, 2011 issue of the <u>Wall Street</u> <u>Journal</u> reported the Prime Rate to be 3.25%. This rate shall be effective for the time period of October 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

II. BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to PART Puc 1203.03, relative to terms and conditions required for customer deposits, interest shall accrue at a rate equal to the prime rate. Interest accrued shall be applied from the date of deposit to date of termination. Further, in accordance with regulations established in Docket DRM 93-221, effective May 14, 1996, utilities shall apply the simple annual rate as reported in the <u>Wall Street Journal</u>.

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