

**New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
Telecommunications Division
Telecom Advisory Letters**

In reply refer to: **TAL_19**
Released: March 8, 2006

To: Responsible Officers
Re: Interest Rate on Customer Deposits
PART Puc 1203.03(i)(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 March 2, 2006 issue of the Wall Street Journal reported the Prime Rate to be 7.5%. This rate shall be effective for the time period of April 1, 2006 through June 30, 2006.

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 Wall Street Journal.

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