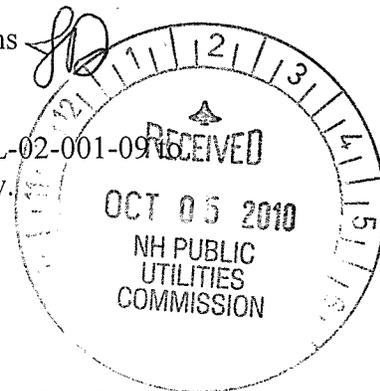


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FROM: Jennifer Ducharme, Utility Analyst, Telecommunications
SUBJECT: DT 10-248, iNetworks Group, Inc.
Petition for Amendment of CLEC Authorization No. CL-02-001-09
Cover only FairPoint Communications Service Territory.
TO: Debra Howland, Executive Director
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On February 27, 2009, iNetworks Group, Inc. (iNetworks) was granted authority to serve as a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) under authorization number CL-02-001-09. At that time, iNetworks was granted authority to operate within a statewide service territory.

On July 13, 2010, Granite State Telephone, Inc., Dunbarton Telephone Company, Inc., Bretton Woods Telephone Company, Inc. and Dixville Telephone Company (collectively, the Rural LECs or RLECs) petitioned the Commission¹ for rescission of the authorizations which were granted to CLECs to engage in business as telephone utilities within the RLECs service territories as part of their authorizations to operate statewide. The RLECs contended that the registrations were not authorized by the process found necessary by the New Hampshire Supreme Court in *Appeal of Union Telephone Company d/b/a Union Communications*, 161 N.H. __ (decided May 20, 2010). Staff conducted a review of the authorizations granted within this territory² and found five CLEC's to be currently authorized in RLEC territory, one of which was iNetworks.

On September 14, 2010, iNetworks submitted a petition for an amendment of its New Hampshire CLEC authority. Specifically, iNetworks requests that its service territory be limited to and mirror the current FairPoint Communications local service territory. iNetworks noted that it does not have plans to pursue operations in RLEC service territories in New Hampshire and submits its petition in an effort to allay RLEC concerns.

Staff has reviewed iNetworks' petition and recommends that the Commission approve the amendment of CLEC Authorization No. CL-02-001-09, effective February 27, 2009, to limit iNetworks service territory to that of FairPoint Communications.

¹ See NH PUC Docket No. DT 10-183.

² See Staff Recommendation filed on July 28, 2010 in NH PUC Docket No. DT 10-183.