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January 27, 2012

Scott F. Eaton, Director
Administrative Rules Division
Office of Legislative Services
State House Annex, Room 219
25 Capitol Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: Puc 400 – Rules for Telephone Service

Dear Mr. Eaton:

Enclosed, and to be filed with your office, please find Appendix II-A-Request for Advance Public Comment on Subject Matter of Possible Rulemaking regarding the readoption with amendment of Puc 400 – Rules for Telephone Service. Please include this notice in the next available Rulemaking Register.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew J. Fossum".

Matthew J. Fossum
Staff Attorney
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission

Enclosures

APPENDIX II-A

REQUEST FOR ADVANCE PUBLIC COMMENT ON SUBJECT
MATTER OF POSSIBLE RULEMAKING

	Rule Number	Puc 400 (If applicable)
1. Agency Name & Address: Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit St. Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301	2. RSA Authority:	RSA 365:8, VII & XII; RSA 374:22-g, III & :22-m & :22-q, III & 28- a, IV; RSA 378:1 & :48
	3. Federal Authority:	47 U.S.C. §§ 151 et seq.
	4. Type of Action:	
	Adoption	_____
Amendment	_____	
Repeal	_____	
Readoption	_____	
Readoption w/amendment	_____ X	

5. Short Title: **Puc 400 - RULES FOR TELEPHONE SERVICE**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH RSA 541-A:11, VIII THIS AGENCY IS SOLICITING PUBLIC COMMENT ON A SUBJECT MATTER OF POSSIBLE RULEMAKING UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO FORMALLY PROPOSING RULES IN THE RULEMAKING PROCESS. WHERE, WHEN, AND HOW PERSONS MAY PROVIDE COMMENT ARE INDICATED BELOW.

6. (a) Summary of the subject matter, or summary of the rule if drafted, and the effect on those regulated:

The rules set forth definitions of terms, general rules, rights and obligations, and statutory and other requirements, including requirements for: registration and reporting; the filing and maintenance of tariffs and rate schedules; certain intercarrier relationships; customer relations and consumer protections; and public safety and emergency response.

In addition to readopting the above, and in light of substantial changes at the local, state and national levels, the rules will also address, to the extent necessary, requirements for other items, including: rights and obligations imposed, altered or eliminated by the United States Congress and Federal Communications Commission; and additional or modified requirements for the preservation of universal service, protection of public safety and welfare, ensuring the continued quality of telecommunications services and safeguarding the rights of consumers in a competitive environment. The readopted rules will also focus on streamlining the existing rules to limit redundancies.

6. (b) Brief description of the groups affected: **Any person or entity that provides or will provide regulated telephone service in New Hampshire as defined in the rules, and customers of such providers.**

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7. Contact person for copies, questions, and receipt of comment including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:

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8. Deadline for submission of comment in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified: **June 13, 2012**

Fax: **X**

E-mail: **X**

Other format (specify):

9. Public hearing scheduled for: **April 17, 2012**

Date and Time:	9:00 a.m.
Place:	Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit St. Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301