

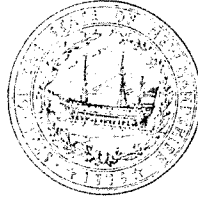
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Administrative Rules Office  
Office of Legislative Services  
State House Annex, Room 219  
25 Capitol Street  
Concord, NH 03301

**Re: Puc 400 - Rules for Telephone Service  
PUC Docket No. DRM 12-036**

Dear Mr. Eaton:

As determined at today's public meeting, and pursuant to RSA 541-A:40, IV, the Public Utilities Commission hereby requests waiver of the deadline and extension of the period for filing a final rulemaking proposal with respect to the revision of N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 400 - Rules for Telephone Service. The 150-day period for filing of this final proposal under RSA 541-A:12, I will expire on September 29, 2013 in the absence of such a waiver and extension.

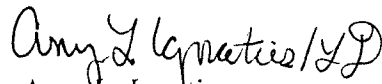
The Commission believes good cause exists for a waiver and extension of said deadline for a period of ninety (90) days, until December 27, 2013, for the following reasons:

1. This rulemaking involves comprehensive revisions of the Commission's rules for telephone service following the enactment of legislation in 2012 that substantially changed the regulatory status and treatment of most telephone service providers in New Hampshire;
2. Extensive and detailed comments on the Commission's initial rulemaking proposal have been received from a number of regulated utilities, industry participants and other stakeholders, and the Commission is in the process of analyzing these comments and considering revisions of the proposed rules to address these comments;
3. Additional legislation (House Bill 542) was enacted into law in late July 2013 that further amends the public utility status and regulatory treatment of certain industry participants currently subject to the Commission's telephone service rules. As a result of the 2013 legislation, substantial changes to the initial proposal are required. In order to have adequate time and opportunity for input from stakeholders, the Commission plans to issue a draft final proposal and seek additional public input; and

4. A revised procedural schedule involving Commission adoption of a draft final proposal followed by a second public hearing and comment period and a technical session or sessions including industry participants, other stakeholders and agency staff would provide a greater opportunity for meaningful public input and participation in this complex administrative rulemaking process. The Commission intends to adopt the attached procedural schedule if the waiver requested hereby is granted.

Thank you for your attention to this request. Please feel free to contact me if you should have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Amy L. Ignatius in cursive script.

Amy L. Ignatius  
Chairman

cc: Service List, Docket DRM 12-036

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**PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**  
**NHPUC Docket No. DRM 12-036**  
**PUC Part 400 Rules for Telephone Service**

File notice of public hearing on draft final proposal with OLS	September 27, 2013
Notice of technical sessions and public hearing on draft final proposal and circulation of draft final proposal	October 4, 2013
Technical session 1 on draft final proposal	October 17, 2013
Public hearing on draft final proposal	October 29, 2013
Deadline for written comment on draft final proposal	November 7, 2013
Technical session 2 on draft final proposal	November 18, 2013
Commission vote on final proposal	December 3, 2013
File final proposal with OLS	December 10, 2013