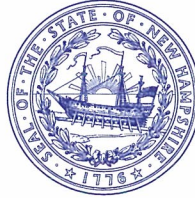


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**Re: DRM 12-036 Rulemaking, Puc 400 Rules for Telephone Utilities
Waivers and Extension Regarding 2014 Annual Filing Requirements**

To Interested Parties:

On March 11, 2014 the Commission voted to adopt final amendments to the Puc 400 Rules for Telephone Utilities, and these amended rules will become effective on Wednesday, March 12, 2014, at 12:01 a.m. On March 10, 2014, Staff filed a memorandum recommending that the Commission grant partial rule waivers regarding the annual filing requirements for telephone utilities for the year 2014.

Staff recommended in its memo that the Commission clarify that annual telephone utility filings made by March 31, 2014 pursuant to the rules in effect prior to March 12, 2014 (Old Rules) using Old Rules forms will be deemed to have fulfilled the annual filings requirement for 2014, and that the Commission grant a partial waiver of the filing requirements under new rules Puc 408.01 and Puc 411.08 to achieve this result.

Staff further recommended that the Commission grant partial waivers of new rules Puc 408.01(a), Puc 408.01(b), and Puc 408.01(c) to extend until April 30, 2014 the deadline for excepted local exchange carriers (ELECs) not choosing to use the Old Rules process to file the three reports otherwise due by March 31, 2014, and also grant a partial waiver of new rule Puc 411.08 to extend until April 30, 2014 the deadline for incumbent local exchange carriers not operating as ELECs to file the ILEC-1 Annual Report.

The Commission has reviewed Staff's recommendations that partial waivers and an extension of time be granted with respect to the 2014 annual filing requirements for telephone utilities under the Old Rules and the new Puc 400 rules, and the Commission has found that these partial rules waivers and extension serve the public interest and will not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of any matters before the Commission. Accordingly, the Commission has granted the recommended partial rules waivers and filing deadline extension, as described above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra A. Howland".

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