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## Inter-Department Communication

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Intrastate Access Reform  
**TO:** Commissioners  
Debra Howland, Executive Director



On June 1, 2012, Union Telephone Company (Union) filed changes to its access tariff, NHPUC No. 10, to restructure its intrastate local transport rate elements to match the structure of its interstate local transport rate elements, in conformity with the transitional access service pricing provisions in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) USF/ICC Order<sup>1</sup> and Clarification Order<sup>2</sup>.

The USF/ICC Order and the Clarification Order allow each rate-of-return<sup>3</sup> ILEC to apply its interstate access rates and rate structure to its intrastate access rates and rate structure, and to establish rates for Transitional Intrastate Access Service.

Union submitted a completed version of a spreadsheet template prepared by Staff, which included demand data and related calculations. Pursuant to Order 25,363, the demand data and related calculations have been granted confidential treatment.

Staff has reviewed the proposed tariff and supporting work papers submitted by Union, to confirm the changes comply with the FCC's requirements. Staff recommends the tariff be allowed to go into effect as proposed, on July 3, 2012.

<sup>1</sup> *Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 26 FCC Rcd 17663 (2011)*

<sup>2</sup> *Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Order, DA 12-870 (released June 5, 2012)*

<sup>3</sup> Rate-of-return, here, refers to the carrier's regulatory regime for federal purposes.