

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DT 12-____

**Petition for Approval of Amendment to Traffic Exchange Agreement Between
Granite State Telephone, Inc. and United States Cellular Corporation**

Granite State Telephone, Inc. ("GST"), a New Hampshire corporation engaged in business as a telephone utility and an incumbent local exchange carrier subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission, respectfully represents as follows:

1. GST has its principal place of business in South Weare, New Hampshire and provides wireline telecommunication service to the towns of Chester, East Deering, Hillsborough Upper Village, Sandown, Washington, Weare and Windsor as well of sections of the towns of Antrim, Auburn, Derry, Hopkinton and New Boston.
2. United States Cellular Corporation ("U.S. Cellular") has principal offices at 8410 West Bryn Mawr Avenue, Suite 700, Chicago, Illinois 60631.
3. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §251(a), GST and U.S. Cellular (or its predecessors) have entered into a Wireless Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement executed effective as of April 15, 2006 (the "Agreement").
4. The Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions pursuant for GST and U.S. Cellular to interconnect, exchange traffic and compensate one another.
5. On November 18, 2011, the Federal Communications Commission issued a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in a number of proceedings, including CC Docket No. 10-90 (the "USF/ICC Transformation Order"). Among other things,

the USF/ICC Transformation Order provides that non-access telecommunications traffic exchanged between GST and U.S. Cellular on and after July 1, 2012 shall be exchanged on a “bill and keep” basis.

6. An amendment giving effect to this provision has been executed by GST and U.S. Cellular effective July 1, 2102 and is attached hereto (“Amendment”). This Amendment also addresses the treatment of access traffic between the parties, as well as interconnection and call signaling matters.

7. GST is submitting the Amendment to the Commission pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(e), which provides for the Commission to either “approve or reject the agreement with written findings as to any deficiencies” and further provides that this Commission may only reject the Amendment if “the agreement (or a portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement...[or] the implementation of agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.”

8. GST knows of no grounds for rejection of the Amendment.

WHEREFORE, GST respectfully requests that this Commission approve the
Amendment.

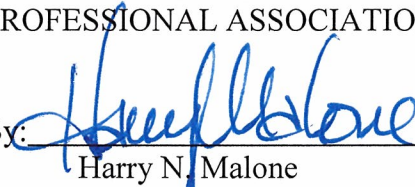
Respectfully submitted,

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