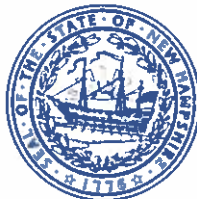


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November 22, 2016

John McCluskey
General Manager
Airus, Inc.
840 S. Canal, 7th Floor
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Re: DT 16-846: Airus, Inc. Request for Waivers

Dear Mr. McCluskey:

On November 8, 2016, Airus, Inc. (Airus) submitted a Form T-7 Exchange Eligibility Report for the Dover exchange in New Hampshire's 603 area code. In conjunction with this filing, Airus requested that the Commission waive rules Puc 413.03(a)(1) and Puc 413.03(a)(3). The first of those rules requires a company to provide evidence that it will be using network facilities located in that exchange. The second of those rules requires a company to provide evidence that it owns those facilities, or uses the facilities of a specific partner. Airus reported that it currently offers telephone service without owning or leasing facilities to reach end-user customers.

Airus further reported, and Staff confirmed, that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in Order 15-70 established a process for similarly situated providers to obtain blocks of telephone numbers from the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA). This process normally includes state confirmation of the provider's authorization to serve the particular exchange, which the New Hampshire Form T-7 seeks to obtain. The process may also include state confirmation of the provider's need for new number blocks.

On November 9, 2016, Staff recommended that the Commission grant waivers of Puc 413.03(a)(1) and Puc 413.03(a)(3) for both the T-7 form filed by Airus for the Dover exchange and prospectively for any Form T-7 reports Airus may file for other exchanges. Staff reported that under FCC Order 15-70 providers do not need to own or lease facilities in an exchange as a prerequisite to obtaining blocks of numbers.

The Commission has accepted Staff's recommendation in part and granted waivers of Puc 413.03(a)(1) and Puc 413.03(a)(3) to Airus for the T-7 form filed for the Dover exchange, having found that the waivers are for good cause and in the public interest and will not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of matters before the Commission. The Commission declined to issue a prospective waiver for future exchange eligibility requests at this time; any subsequent T-7 forms filed by Airus should again be filed with a request for waivers of Puc 413.03(a)(1) and Puc 413.03(a)(3).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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