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SUBJECT: DT 17-091: Intrastate Access Tariff Revisions by non-ILEC Telephone Utilities (six companies)

TO: Commissioners
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CC: David Wiesner, Staff Attorney

Six companies have submitted intrastate access tariffs that, in Staff’s assessment, may be allowed to take effect. These submissions have been made pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Report and Order FCC 11-161 (Transformation Order). None of these tariff revisions includes any rate increase. Companies have proposed one of four effective dates, all in July 2017.

The companies that have made such filings are:

Company	Telephone Utility ID	Proposed Effective Date
Broadview Networks, Inc.	215	July 1, 2017
CRC Communications LLC	229	July 31, 2017
Granite Telecommunications, Inc.	248	July 1, 2017
Level 3 Communications, LLC	346	July 29, 2017
Metropolitan Telecommunications, Inc.	263	July 1, 2017
TDS Metrocom, LLC	358	July 15, 2017

In a Secretarial Letter dated June 13, 2017 in the present docket, the Commission anticipated that access revisions would typically take effect on July 31, 2017. Since each of these six revisions reduces the charges that the filing company assesses against other telephone companies, no party suffers financial costs if a rate change takes effect on an earlier date.

Staff has reviewed these six filings for compliance with FCC orders and rules. Our review has included comparison with the recently revised access tariff of Northern New England Telephone Operations, LLC (FairPoint), which is the “price cap carrier” in New Hampshire and whose intrastate access tariff therefore serves as a cap on rates filed by certain other providers. All six filings appear to be consistent with FCC directives.

Staff therefore recommends allowing these six tariff revisions to take effect by operation of law on the effective date that each filing company proposed.

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