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## Inter-Department Communication

**DATE:** July 26, 2017

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**FROM:** <sup>ML</sup> Michael Ladam, Director, Regulatory Innovation and Strategy

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

**TO:** Commissioners  
Debra Howland, Executive Director

**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 include any rate increase. Companies have proposed effective dates in July 2017.

The companies that have made such filings are:

Company	Telephone Utility ID	Proposed Effective Date
AT&T Corp.	210	July 31, 2017
BayRing Communications, Inc.	244	July 31, 2017
BCN Telecom, Inc.	211	July 31, 2017
IDT America, Corp.	251	July 29, 2017
Peerless Networks of New Hampshire, LLC	355	July 31, 2017
Teleport Communications America, LLC	304	July 31, 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 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 in July.

Staff has reviewed these 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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