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Debra A. Howland Executive Director and Secretary New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301-7319

RE: DT 10-211, North American Numbering Plan Administrator Petition Requesting Approval of a Relief Plan for the 603 Numbering Plan

Dear Ms. Howland:

I write to report the outcome of the discussion of the above-referenced docket at the OCA's Residential Ratepayer Advisory Board (Advisory Board) meeting on December 6, 2010. As mentioned in Staff's October 28, 2010 letter in this docket, the OCA requested time to consult with its Advisory Board on the matter before taking a position on the proposed solutions to the expected exhaustion of the 603 area code. The OCA committed to reporting the results of that consultation on December 7, 2010, and this letter serves as that report.

After discussing the issue at its meeting yesterday, the Advisory Board recommended that the OCA support the distributed overlay solution. This recommendation was based in part upon an understanding that the implementation of the overlay plan would be easier from a technical perspective and less costly to accomplish. This recommendation also presumes that the overlay would not result in any changes to the presently-existing local call areas and costs associated with in-state local calling.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need further information. Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully,

Meredith A. Hatfield Consumer Advocate

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