

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DT 10-211

North American Numbering Plan Administrator Petition for
Relief of the 603 Numbering Plan Area.

Petition to Intervene of New Hampshire Telephone Association

Pursuant to RSA 541-A:32 and N.H. Admin. Rules Puc 203.17, New Hampshire Telephone Association, a New Hampshire voluntary corporation having its principal office at 600 South Stark Highway, Weare, New Hampshire ("NHTA") hereby petitions to intervene in the above-docketed proceeding (the "Docket"), and in support of its Petition, states as follows:

1. NHTA is an association of incumbent local exchange carriers operating in New Hampshire. NHTA's members include Bretton Woods Telephone Company, Inc., Dixville Telephone Company, Dunbarton Telephone Company, Inc., Hollis Telephone Company, Granite State Telephone, Inc., Kearsarge Telephone Company, Inc., Merrimack County Telephone Company, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC, d/b/a FairPoint Communications - NNE ("FairPoint"), Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc., Union Telephone Company and Wilton Telephone Company, Inc.

2. On October 15, 2010, the Commission issued an Order of Notice regarding the Petition of Neustar, Inc. for the Commission to institute an all services distributed overlay for the 603 NPA. As explained in the Order of Notice, the Neustar filing raises, among other things, issues related to the extent and causes of alleged impending exhaust, options to prevent exhaust,

the costs and competitive consequences of such options, and the type of NPA relief that would be appropriate for New Hampshire, assuming that any relief is in fact necessary.

2. The NHTA companies are significant providers of local exchange telephone services in the state. As such, any initiative to impose an overlay will involve the NHTA companies by necessity, besides having a significant impact on their customers.

3. The participation by NHTA in this proceeding will provide necessary information to the Commission regarding the issues raised, is in the interest of justice, will enhance the orderly and prompt conduct of this proceeding, and will permit it to best represent the interests of its members' customers.

4. Pursuant to the Commission's Order of Notice in this proceeding, Petitions to Intervene were due October 22, 2010. NHTA submits that no party will be prejudiced by this late-filed request at this preliminary stage of the proceeding and that the public interest is served by NHTA's participation.

5. WHEREFORE, NHTA respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Petition to Intervene.

Respectfully submitted,
NEW HAMPSHIRE TELEPHONE
ASSOCIATION

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a PDF copy of the foregoing petition was forwarded this day to the parties by electronic mail.

Dated: October 25, 2010

By: 

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