



Champlain Telephone Company

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May 10, 2023

Honorable Michelle L. Phillips
Secretary to the Commission
NYS Public Service Commission
Empire State Plaza Agency Building 3
Albany, NY 12223-1350
Via email Secretary@dps.ny.gov

Re: Phase-out plan for the exhaustion of the 1998 Ice Storm deferral.

Dear Secretary Phillips,

In case 94-C-0095, the Public Service Commission ordered The Champlain Telephone Company ("The Company"), along with several other companies impacted by the 1998 Ice Storm, to defer, for future ratepayer benefit, certain Universal Service revenues that the Company received as part of the interstate pooling process. After this order, as part of filings in case 07-C-0349, the Company raised its local service rates in 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2021. Reductions to the Ice Storm deferral offset the local rate increases.

On April 27, 2022, The Company notified you that the ice storm deferral would become exhausted in November or December of 2022, and The Company would implement a multi-year phase-down of the credit to prevent a significant customer impact. This filing is to implement the second year of the phase-down.

In this filing, The Company will reduce the customer credits as follows:

Mooers business lines from \$0.47 to \$0.00.

Mooers residential lines from \$4.23 to \$0.73.

Champlain and Rouses Point business lines from \$1.41 to \$0.00.

Champlain and Rouses Point trunk lines from \$1.24 to \$0.00.

Champlain and Rouses Point residential lines from \$4.38 to \$0.88.

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Based on the new credits, The Company anticipates the exhaustion of the Ice Storm deferral in July 2025.

Attached are the tariff page, supporting schedules, and customer notifications for the June 1, 2023, statements.

If you have any questions, email me at wnorthrup@champlaintelephone.com or telephone me at 518-298-2236,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wade Northrup", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Wade Northrup
Controller

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