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Introduced by Representatives Sibia of Dover, Carr of Brandon, Chesnut-
Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Forguites of Springfield,
McCormack of Burlington, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Telecommunications; acquisition; merger; certificate of public good;
Telecommunications Plan

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to ensure that an
acquisition, disposition of assets, certificate of public good, or consolidation or
merger involving one or more telecommunications service providers is
consistent with State telecommunications policy and the State's
Telecommunications Plan.

An act relating to telecommunications service providers and State policy
and planning

1 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

2 Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 107a is added to read:

3 § 107a. TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS; STATE
4 POLICY AND PLANNING

5 (a) If one or more telecommunications service providers petitions the
6 Public Service Board for approval of an acquisition, disposition of assets,
7 certificate of public good, or consolidation or merger under section 107, 109,
8 231, or 311 of this title, respectively, such petition shall not be approved unless
9 the Board finds that it is consistent with State telecommunications policy as
10 established in section 202c of this title and the objectives of the State's
11 Telecommunications Plan developed pursuant to section 202d of this title.

12 (b) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214(b), subsection (a) of this section shall
13 apply to all petitions filed with the Public Service Board on or after January 1,
14 2016.

15 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on passage.