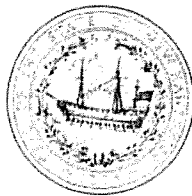


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June 9, 2011

Lawrence Lackey
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Sovernet Fiber Corp.
5 Canal Street, P.O. Box 495
Bellows Falls, VT 05101-0495

RE: DT 11-080 – Sovernet Fiber Corp. d/b/a Vermont FiberConnect's Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) Certification

Dear Mr. Lackey:

The application filed by Sovernet Fiber Corp. d/b/a Vermont FiberConnect (Sovernet) to provide CLEC service in New Hampshire has been approved, as the accompanying certificate attests. Sovernet's authorization number is CL-06-001-11.

As a reminder, as Sovernet conducts business as a CLEC, the Commission expects the company to comply with all applicable administrative rules and provide the highest level of customer service. In particular, the Commission requires yearly updates of the company's progress which you will provide by filing NH Puc Form CLEC-3, CLEC-4 and CLEC-5 by March 31st each year. Pursuant to Commission rules, the company must attain its first retail customer within two years of its certification date. At or before that time, Sovernet must file with the Telecommunications Division NH Puc Form CLEC-12, *Initiation of Operations*. All CLEC forms are available at our web site: www.puc.nh.gov. The Commission also requires notification from Sovernet of address changes, restructuring, acquisitions, or other major events as outlined in Commission rules.

Sovernet has filed only a preliminary rate schedule with the Commission. This is due to the fact that rates have not been finalized since a network has not yet been constructed. Sovernet must file form CLEC-25 and a comprehensive rate schedule with the Commission upon establishment of its network and its rates.

Please refer to Docket No. DT 11-080 and Authorization No. CL-06-001-01, in any future correspondence. If you or Sovernet have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me in the Telecommunications Division at (603) 271-2431.

Sincerely,

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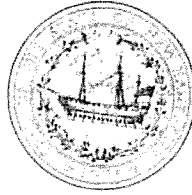
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AUTHORIZATION TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

**SOVERNET FIBER CORP.
D/B/A VERMONT FIBERCONNECT**

is authorized to provide local exchange services within the FairPoint Communications service territory in the State of New Hampshire.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland", written over a horizontal line.

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

Date: June 9, 2011

Authorization No. CL 06-001-11

This authorization is non-transferable
Pursuant to Puc 451.01(g)