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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, N.H. 03301-2429

June 15, 2009

Re: DT 07-027, TDS Companies Petition for Alternative Form of Regulation Scope of the Proceeding

To the Parties:

Pursuant to the procedural schedule approved by the Commission by secretarial letter dated April 9, 2009 in the above referenced matter, Comcast Phone of NH, LLC, (Comcast) filed a memorandum on the scope of the proceeding and the TDS Companies (TDS) filed a response.

With regard to the scope of this docket, the Commission has made the following determinations:

The issue of whether the TDS alternative regulation plan as amended by the settlement agreement approved by Commission Order No. 24,852 as to Wilton and Hollis fails to meet any of the conditions set forth in 374:3-b, III and continues to be just, reasonable and in the public interest will not be addressed at this time;

The parties shall be permitted, however, to present evidence of any alleged anticompetitive actions that have may occurred since the Commission issued its Order No. 24,852 on April 23, 2008, with regard to competitive developments and satisfaction of the requirements set forth in RSA 374:3-b, III;

The Commission's determination as to whether the terms of the settlement agreement should apply to the Merrimack and Kearsarge exchanges and whether these exchanges should be granted alternative regulation consistent with RSA 374:3-b shall be made based upon evidence that is already part of the record and on new evidence presented by the parties.

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