DT 12-054

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

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DATE: March 6, 2014 **AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC

FROM: Kate Bailey Director, Telecommunications

SUBJECT:

DT 12-054, Comcast of Maine/New Hampshire Inc., *et al* Petition for Authority to Construct and Maintain Fiber Optic Cable over and across Public Waters

TO: Debra Howland, Executive Director

On February 29, 2012, Comcast of Maine/New Hampshire Inc., *et al* (Comcast) filed a petition, along with supporting documentation, for license to cross over public waters at 213 locations, to comply with Order No. 25,175, issued November 30, 2010 in Docket No. DT 10-239. Staff reviewed supporting documentation for a sample of the crossings and determined the documentation was not adequate to determine if the crossings complied with the National Electrical Safety Code, among other things. Staff filed a memo on February 26, 2013, indicating possible deficiencies in the supporting documentation. On March 15, 2013, Comcast requested the Commission refrain from taking action while Comcast attempted to work with Staff to provide the required information.

On June 19, 2013, RSA 371:17 was amended and 371:17-b was enacted to allow license by notification of existing crossings on existing utility poles without review of compliance with the National Electrical Safety Code. On February 3, 2014, Comcast filed a list including specific geographic and pole locations associated with the 213 existing crossings, in compliance with RSA 371:17-b, and requested a permanent license be granted for these locations.

RSA 371:17-b states: "Upon receipt of such list, no further inquiries or investigations by the commission shall be undertaken and the commission shall issue a final license." Accordingly, Staff recommends a final license be issued for Comcast's existing crossings listed in its February 3, 2014 filing.

Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.11 (a) (1): Serve an electronic copy on each person identified on the service list.

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- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.