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FROM: Michael Ladam, Director, Regulatory Innovation and Strategy

SUBJECT: DT 16-821, Merrimack County Telephone Company: Intrastate Access Tariff Revisions

TO: Commissioners
Debra Howland, Executive Director

CC: David Wiesner, Staff Attorney

On September 21, 2016, Merrimack County Telephone Company (Merrimack) submitted a filing to revise its intrastate access tariff for effect on October 20, 2016.

In June 2016, Merrimack revised this tariff pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Report and Order FCC 11-161 (Transformation Order). These additional changes are not driven by the Transformation Order. Instead, they update the New Hampshire tariff to reflect rates currently charged by Merrimack in its federal tariff. The rate elements to which these rates apply are not those which the Transformation Order controls. Merrimack describes this filing to Staff as a "housekeeping measure."

Staff has reviewed the changes. They appear to be consistent with FCC Orders and directives. Staff therefore recommends allowing the tariff revision to take effect by operation of law as requested on October 20, 2016.

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