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VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL AND E-MAIL

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities
Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429



Re:

Petition of IDT America, Corp. for Arbitration with Union Telephone Company Pursuant to the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended.

DT 09-048

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed please find an original and seven copies of a Petition to Intervene of MetroCast Cablevision of New Hampshire, LLC for filing in the above case.

MetroCast separately notes that on Thursday evening, April 30, 2009, Union electronically served on IDT and MetroCast a motion to dismiss the proceeding that, inter alia, also requests that the procedural conference scheduled for this Thursday, May 7, at 10 a.m., be cancelled or delayed. This tactic by Union is an obvious attempt to delay MetroCast's ability to bring the benefits of telephony competition for the first time to customers in Union's territory. The Commission and parties already will be hard pressed to complete the arbitration of provisions needed to interconnect under 47 U.S.C. § 251(a) and (b) by the July 8, 2009 deadline established by federal law. Any delays in conducting a hearing will only make the job harder for all involved. IDT and MetroCast should be allowed an opportunity to prepare oppositions, without affecting the Commission's efforts to resolve the merits of any and all interconnection disputes. In summary, delay of the May 7, 2009 hearing and procedural conference will cause irreparable harm to MetroCast and thwart competitive telephone service. Accordingly, the Commission should deny Union's request to delay or cancel the hearing and conference.

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Thank you for your consideration. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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