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VIA OVERNIGHT COURIER

July 1, 2011

Ms. Debra Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street
Concord, NH 03301



Re: Petition by Merrimack County Telephone Company for an Alternative Form of Regulation

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter, on behalf of Merrimack County Telephone Company (the "Petitioner"), are an original and seven (7) written copies of the "Petition by Merrimack County Telephone Company for Approval of an Alternative Form of Regulation," together with a proposed "Alternative Regulation Plan" (Exhibit 1) and the "Prefiled Direct Testimony of Thomas E. Murray" (Exhibit 2).

Would you kindly date-stamp the extra copy and return it to me in the enclosed self-addressed and stamped envelope?

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Paul J. Phillips Esq.

for Paul J. Phillips
Enclosures

cc: F. Anne Ross, Esq., General Counsel
Kathryn M. Bailey, P.E., Director, Telecommunications Division
Meredith Hatfield, Esq., Consumer Advocate
Thomas E. Murray, TDS Telecom