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Lawrence Lackey
Director of Regulatory Affairs
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RE: Docket DT 12-215: Petition of Sovernet Fiber Corp. (Sovernet) to construct and maintain fiber optic communication cable over two different New Hampshire public waters

Dear Mr. Lackey:

Staff has identified the following areas in which the application must be revised and/or expanded before we can proceed.

1. For the Connecticut River crossing, Army Corps of Engineering approval is required. Please submit documentation of such approval.
2. The pole numbers in the petition do not always match the pole numbers in the attachments, which do not always match each other. For example, for the Buckingham Place crossing, the petition refers to Pole Number NG 291/35, the elevation drawing refers to Pole Number GMP 291/135, and the map refers to pole number PP 291/35. (In this example all three use the same pole number for the telephone owner: FP 311/132.) Please correct the petition and attachments for consistency.
3. The elevation drawings in many cases show less than 12 inch spacing between the proposed Sovernet cable and its neighbors. For example, the Glen Road drawing for Pole 'GMP' 291/1; FP 45 shows the proposed Sovernet cable nine inches above the "Fiber" cable and nine inches below the CATV 2 cable. Please revise the plan to provide proper minimum clearances.
4. The elevation drawings in many cases show less than 12 inch spacing between other, non-Sovernet cables. For example, the High Street / Route 4 elevation drawing for Pole "GMP" 53/1; FP 60/5 shows "Fig 8 Cable 2" eight inches below the CATV cable and seven inches above the Telco Copper 1 cable. These cables should be relocated as part of the Make Ready process and your applications should reflect that.
5. The proposed Sovernet cable placements do not appear to be consistent with the make ready worksheet provided to Sovernet by FairPoint. For example, the Make Ready sheet directs Sovernet to place its cable for the Glen Road crossing 12 inches above the CATV cable, but the

plan shown in the elevation drawing places the Sovernet cable below two CATV attachments. Please submit full Form 3 Make Ready forms as received from FairPoint and an engineering plan that is consistent with them.

6. The Glen Road crossing crosses not only the Mascoma River, but also a railroad track, which appears to require separate approval. Please revise the petition and drawings to reflect this.

Staff will resume its review of this application, for example with regard to sag assumptions and calculations, once we receive these revisions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael C. Ladam". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael C. Ladam

Assistant Director of Telecommunications