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June 30, 2015

Executive Director Debra Howland
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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Dear Executive Director Howland,

I write to formally request that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issue an order to local exchange telephone companies (LECs) to collect a surcharge of \$.75 per month in order to meet the requirements of Revised Statutes Annotated 106-H:9, I(e). I respectfully request that the Commission take this action as soon as possible.

This request is based on the Enhanced 9-1-1 Commission's extensive review of budget requirements at its June 12th, 2015 meeting and a unanimous vote to recommend to me that the surcharge be increased. This is the first increase of the surcharge since October of 2006 and reflects increased budgetary requirements placed on the Division of Emergency Services and Communications by legislation.

Please let me know if the Commission has any questions or if it requires any additional information. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


John J. Barthelmes, Commissioner
New Hampshire Department of Safety

cc: Doug Aiken, Enhanced 9-1-1 Commission Chairman



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RE: Enhanced 9-1-1 Surcharge

Dear Ms. Howland,

I am writing on behalf of the Enhanced 9-1-1 Commission ("E911 Commission") concerning the Enhanced 9-1-1 surcharge to formally request that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") order local exchange telephone companies ("LECs") under the Commission's jurisdiction to collect a surcharge of \$.75 per month as further specified in RSA 106-H:9. I further respectfully request that the Commission take this action as soon as possible.

Pursuant to the authority granted to the E911 Commission under Revised Statutes Annotated 106-H:9, the E911 Commission has voted to raise the E911 surcharge from \$.57 per month to \$.75 per month. The current surcharge has been in effect since November 1, 2006 as a result of the vote of the E911 Commission to set the surcharge pursuant to the authority granted under Revised Statutes Annotated 106-H:9.

The requested increase in the surcharge was approved by the E911 Commission at its quarterly meeting held on June 12, 2015 after review of revenue and budget projections. I wish to note that the E911 Commission takes great pride in the fact that the New Hampshire 9-1-1 surcharge is still one of the lowest surcharges for a complete enhanced 9-1-1 service in the entire country and this is only the third increase in 20 years.

Please let me know if the Commission has any questions or if it requires any additional information. Thanking you for your assistance, I am,

Sincerely,

Douglas Aiken, Chairman
New Hampshire Enhanced 9-1-1 Commission