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Via Electronic Delivery

Ms. Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-7319



Re: Docket No. 09-048, IDT Petition for Arbitration

Dear Ms. Howland:

In accordance with the scope of my appointment as the Commission's Arbitrator (the "Arbitrator") in this proceeding, the Commission's Order of Notice dated April 21, 2009, and the Hearing Officer's request at the Pre-Hearing Conference dated May 7, 2009, I provide the following report on yesterday's Technical Session.

Contingent on the outcome of the various motions that are pending before the Commission (and without waiver of the parties' rights in connection therewith), and subject to the impact, if any, that the Commission's resolution of those issues may have on the schedule in this matter, the following agreement was reached on process and procedure:

1. The parties commit to negotiate an interconnection agreement in good faith. The Arbitrator will be available, at the request of the parties, to mediate any issues that may arise between them. To facilitate negotiations, Staff and the parties agree that the arbitration in this proceeding can conclude with a Commission order on August 7, 2009, rather than July 8, 2009, an extension of 30 days.
2. Negotiations on the terms and conditions of an interconnection agreement will commence forthwith and continue until at least May 29, 2009.
3. To the extent agreement is not reached on all terms and conditions, the parties will provide to the Arbitrator a joint submission of contested issues by June 5, 2009, with a

listing of those issues that will be subject to a hearing before the Arbitrator and those that will be appropriate for resolution on briefs submitted to the Arbitrator.

4. Prefiled direct testimony regarding disputed issues that will be subject to a hearing before the Arbitrator will be served on June 17, 2009.

5. Prefiled reply testimony regarding disputed issues that will be subject to a hearing before the Arbitrator will be served on June 19, 2009.

6. A hearing before the Arbitrator on issues that the parties identify as not appropriate for resolution on briefs will be held on June 22, 2009.

7. Separate briefs on issues that (1) were not subject to the June 22 hearing (with no specific page limit) and (2) were subject to the June 22 hearing (subject to 10 pages in length) will be due on June 25, 2009 at noon.

8. The Arbitrator will submit a report and recommendation to the Commission regarding disputed issues on July 6, 2009.

9. The parties will submit complete contract language for all arbitrated and non-arbitrated issues on July 13, 2009.

10. Where agreement cannot be reached on language comports with the Arbitrator's report and recommendation, the Arbitrator will provide recommended arbitrated language to the Commission on July 14, 2009.

11. A hearing before the Commission on the Arbitrator's report and recommendation will be held on July 17, 2009.

12. The Commission's arbitration decision will be due on August 7, 2009.

13. No discovery will be undertaken.

14. Service and filing will be electronic with overnight delivery to the Commission as necessary or appropriate.

In the event the Commission does not grant Union's motions or does not otherwise delay the proceedings in a manner inconsistent with the schedule outlined herein, the parties, Staff and the Arbitrator request that the Commission adopt the proposal set forth above.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at the phone number above. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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