STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

DATE: April 09, 2009 **AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC

FROM: Josie Gage, Utility Analyst III

SUBJECT: DT 09-058 Merrimack County Telephone Company Tariff Filing to

Revise Directory Number/Custom Calling

TO: Debra Howland, Executive Director

On March 23, 2009, Merrimack County Telephone Company (MCTC) filed revision sheets to its NHPUC NO 9. – Tariff for Telephone Service in The State of New Hampshire. The purpose of their filing is to change the directory number allowance from twelve to six numbers. MCTC will also grandfather existing customers currently using more than six directory numbers starting April 25, 2009.

Staff has investigated this matter and recommends that the Commission allow this tariff filing to take effect as an operation of law. Having offered to grandfather existing customers with greater than six directory numbers, staff predicts no adverse affect on the company's rates or its customers at this time.