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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