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Ryan Taylor  
Regulatory Director  
FairPoint Communications – NNE  
770 Elm Street, 1st Floor  
Manchester, NH 03101

Re: DT 12-020, New Hampshire Optical Systems, Inc.  
Petition for river and railroad crossings

Dear Messrs. Benton and Taylor:

On January 17, 2012, NHOS filed a petition pursuant to RSA 371:17 seeking approval for licenses to construct and maintain fiber optic cable over and across five public waterways and two railroads, in a section of cable that begins in Conway and ends in Gorham, otherwise referred to as Segment 10 of the Network New Hampshire Now (NNHN) project.

Following staff review, it was determined that existing attachments and NHOS's proposed attachment may not be in compliance with NESC under heavy-load conditions at the following railroad crossing.

- White Mountain Highway (Route 16), Conway, in the vicinity of Hurricane Mountain Road, between utility poles E14/253 - T2/75 and (electric not designated) T2/76.

Please investigate the crossing and determine whether it is in compliance and, if not, take remedial action to correct the problem.

In the event facilities need to be relocated in order to comply with NESC, please perform the work immediately and provide NHOS with appropriate attachment instructions. When the investigation and work, if necessary, is complete, notify Staff by

letter in this docket. Please include the Order number granting your license to cross state land at this location in your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Goyette', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

David Goyette  
Utility Analyst

cc: Kraus