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February 3, 2006

Re: Docket No. DT 05-083
Verizon New Hampshire
Wire Center Investigation

DT 06-012
Verizon New Hampshire
Revisions to NHPUC Tariff 84

To the Parties:

The Commission is in receipt of Staff's report of the technical sessions that took place on January 31, 2006 in the above-referenced dockets.

Staff notes, with the assent of the participants, that resolution of the issues in Docket No. DT 05-083 will have outcome-determinative significance in connection with Docket No. DT 06-012. Therefore, Staff's report includes the participants' recommendation to consolidate these two proceedings. The Commission has determined that such consolidation is consistent with the public interest.

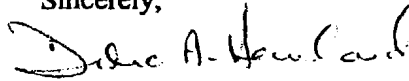
The participants further propose a set of procedural steps designed to lead to a Commission decision on or before March 10, 2006 because March 11, 2006 marks the end of the transition period specified by the FCC with respect to the availability of certain network elements on an unbundled basis from Verizon to competitive local exchange carriers.

Specifically, the parties propose (1) that Staff and OCA review certain evidence, submitted under seal by competitive local exchange carriers, that relate to whether the wire centers at issue in DT 05-083 remain "impaired" within the meaning of the Telecommunications Act and related FCC decisions, (2) that Staff and the Office of Consumer Advocate prepare and circulate by February 8, 2006 an affidavit setting forth material factual information from the confidential submissions that will be sufficient to allow parties to prepare briefs, (3) that Staff be given leave to prepare and circulate an outline of suggested briefing questions to the parties, and (4) that parties be given leave to file briefs on or before February 17, 2006.

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The Commission has approved these recommendations with one condition. To allow for adequate time to prepare and issue an order by March 10, 2006, the Commission will require the submission of briefs on or before noon on February 17, 2006.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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