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**Via Hand Delivery and Electronic Mail**

Debra A. Howland, Executive Director and Secretary  
 N.H. Public Utilities Commission  
 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10  
 Concord, NH 03301

***Re: DT 12-308, Comcast Phone of New Hampshire, LLC and  
 Comcast IP Phone, LLC – Effect of SB 48 on VoIP and  
 IP-Enabled Services***

Dear Ms. Howland:

I am writing on behalf of Comcast Phone of New Hampshire, LLC and Comcast IP Phone, LLC (hereinafter “Comcast”) for the purpose of requesting that the Commission establish a procedural schedule that allows parties to file briefs or legal memoranda addressing the effects of House Bill 542 on the issues in this case prior to the issuance of the Commission’s order on Comcast’s Motion for Rehearing.

On June 27, 2013, Comcast filed a Motion for Rehearing in the above-captioned docket, along with a cover letter stating that Comcast was reserving the right to supplement its Motion, if necessary, in light of the New Hampshire Legislature’s passage of House Bill 542 the day before. In response to the Motion, the Commission issued an Order Suspending Order on Remand for Further Consideration Pursuant to RSA 541:5 on July 9, 2013. In that Order, the Commission indicated its intent to consider the effects of HB 542, should it become law, as part of the Commission’s decision on Comcast’s Motion for Rehearing. By letter dated July 9, 2013, the Commission’s General Counsel notified the New Hampshire Supreme Court that the above-referenced Order was issued “primarily so that the prospective potential effects of House Bill 542 may be considered in connection with a decision on the merits of Comcast’s motion for rehearing.”

HB 542 went into effect on July 27, 2013. *See* Laws of 2013, Ch. 279. The question of how that legislation impacts the issues in this docket is currently ripe. Although the Commission has indicated that it would consider the effects of HB 542 in connection with its order on the merits of Comcast’s Motion for

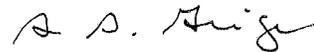
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Rehearing, the Commission has not yet indicated whether it intends to afford the parties in this docket the opportunity to brief the legal issues raised by HB 542 prior to issuing its order. Comcast respectfully submits that in the interests of administrative efficiency and judicial economy, the parties to this docket should be provided with an opportunity to submit briefs or legal memoranda regarding the impacts of HB 542 on the issues in this docket. Accordingly, Comcast respectfully requests that the Commission establish an appropriate procedural schedule in this docket that would allow the parties to file briefs or legal memoranda regarding the impacts of HB 542, and that the Commission defer ruling on the pending Motions and Objections until such time as the above-referenced briefs or legal memoranda have been submitted to and considered by the Commission.

Please contact me if there are any questions about this letter. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,



Susan S. Geiger

Enclosures  
cc: Service List (Electronic Mail only)

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