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**Re: DT 14-240, Dixville Telephone Company
Petition for Approval to Discontinue Operations
Report of Technical Session**

Dear Ms. Howland:

On September 22, 2014, Dixville Telephone Company (Dixville) filed a Petition For Approval to Discontinue Operations pursuant to RSA 374:28, seeking Commission authorization to permanently discontinue its local telephone operations in New Hampshire. Dixville asserted that the balance of interests favors a determination that the public good does not require further continuance of its service, pursuant to RSA 374:28.

The Commission issued an Order of Notice on September 26, 2014 scheduling a pre-hearing conference for October 28, 2014 and setting a deadline for petitions to intervene of October 24, 2014. A petition for intervention was filed on behalf of New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T Mobility) on October 24, 2014. There were no objections to the petition for intervention, and the Commission granted AT&T Mobility's intervention during the pre-hearing conference held on October 28, 2014.

Following the pre-hearing conference, representatives of Dixville, AT&T Mobility, and Staff met in technical session to discuss potential service alternatives, as well as issues regarding scope and procedure, including the potential to develop factual stipulations for filing with the Commission.

The technical session participants agreed to hold an additional technical session by teleconference on December 3, 2014 at 11 a.m. and to reserve December 11, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. for a public hearing on the merits. Staff will report the parties' progress after the December 3 technical conference and advise the Commission if the parties have stipulated facts and are ready

to proceed to hearing on December 11, or if more time is necessary to address and resolve outstanding issues prior to hearing.

Staff, on behalf of the parties, respectfully requests that the Commission approve the proposed procedural schedule. I certify that a copy of this letter will be served electronically on the parties on the service list at the same time it is filed with the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Wiesner".

David K. Wiesner
Staff Attorney

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