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RE: DRM 17-139, Rulemaking – Comments on Draft Final Proposal for N.H. PUC 1300 Utility Pole Attachment Rules Readoption and Amendments

Dear Director Howland:

Over the past several months, the University of New Hampshire (UNH) has provided both oral and written responses related to the DRM 17-139 proposed PUC 1300 Rulemaking on Pole Attachments. UNH files the following remarks in response to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission's ("PUC's") March 20, 2018 letter soliciting comment on Commission Staff's ("Staff's") March 15, 2018 Draft Final Proposal for further amendments to the PUC 1300 utility pole attachment rules.

UNH applauds the PUC's thoughtful review of existing rules and foresight to amend the rules to streamline the pole attachment process and remove any ambiguity in the language and obligations. UNH believes that the adoption of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC's") rate formulae, make-ready timetables, and inclusion of wireless attachments will ensure a streamlined process and reasonable cost for access to utility poles to support broadband expansion for all of New Hampshire's citizens and businesses.

UNH fully supports the adoption of the amendments outlined in the PUC's Draft Final Proposal. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input for this critical component of broadband expansion in New Hampshire.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brian T. Shepperd'.

Brian T. Shepperd  
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