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Via Overnight Delivery

Debra A. Howland Executive Director New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: DT-12-246; Review of Utility Pole Access Issues

Dear Ms. Howland:

Please find enclosed the original and seven copies of the Comments of AT&T Regarding Rulemaking Proposal for filing in the docket referenced above:

These materials also will be submitted electronically.

I also enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope so that you can return one filestamped copy of the materials to me. If you have any questions regarding these materials, please give me a call.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Service List (via electronic mail only) Enclosures





## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

## DT 12-246

## ELECTRIC AND TELEPHONE UTILITIES

#### **Review of Utility Pole Access Issues**

### COMMENTS OF AT&T REGARDING RULEMAKING PROPOSAL

AT&T Corp. and TCG New Jersey, Inc. (collectively "AT&T") submit the following comments on the future conduct of this proceeding, in response to the October 15, 2012, Secretarial Letter inviting such comments.

On October 10, 2012, the Commission Staff issued a report summarizing the positions expressed at a stakeholder meeting on August 29, 2012, regarding various issues surrounding third-party attachments to utility poles. The report advocated the initiation of a rulemaking regarding third party make-ready work for pole attachments, as well as dispute resolution options for such attachments and the appropriate spacing requirements for new attachments on poles.

AT&T's operations in New Hampshire primarily involve attaching its facilities to poles owned by other utilities, although it does own a small number of poles in the state. AT&T generally has not encountered substantial problems in making its pole attachments or in dealing with make-ready requests for new attachments. As a result, it does not believe a rulemaking is necessary.

Nevertheless, AT&T recognizes that the Staff report raises issues that, if resolved in a rulemaking, could affect its operations in the future. AT&T therefore asks that the following

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persons be placed on the service list in this matter:

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AT&T intends to monitor future proceedings in this docket and, if appropriate, submit additional

comments.

Dated: October 25, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012, a copy of the foregoing Comments of AT&T Regarding Rulemaking Proposal was sent by electronic mail to persons named on the service List of this docket.

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#### FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

a) Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.02 (a), with the exception of Discovery, file 7 copies, as well as an electronic copy, of all documents including cover letter with: DEBRA A HOWLAND

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- b) Serve an electronic copy with each person identified on the Commission's service list and with the Office of Consumer Advocate.
- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.

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