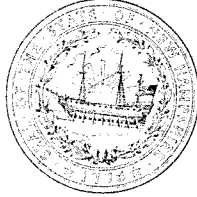


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March 3, 2009

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525 Junction Road
Madison, WI 53717

Re: DT 08-171, Merrimack County Telephone Company
Tariff Filing to Add STAR Packages and Grandfather Total Talk Bundle

Dear Ms. Fehrman:

On December 5, 2008, Merrimack County Telephone Company filed a revision to TDS' NH PUC Tariff No. 8 adding the STAR Packages and grandfathering the Total Talk Bundle for effect on January 7, 2009. The STAR Packages offer a bundled price for residential basic service with features, and a specified amount of TDS long distance service.

On February 4, 2009, Staff submitted a memo noting that, due to an administrative error, the filing has gone into effect without prior examination. Staff intends, however, to investigate the proposed rates for the STAR Packages to determine whether the rates exceed the cost of the service and how revenue from bundled services will be allocated.

Inasmuch as the Commission neither amended nor rejected the filing, pursuant to RSA 378:6, IV the proposed tariff revisions are effective January 7, 2009. Upon receipt of Staff's analysis of the proposed offering, the Commission will determine whether further action is required. Tariff pages should be filed referencing Docket No. DT 08-171 reflecting the effective date of January 7, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director