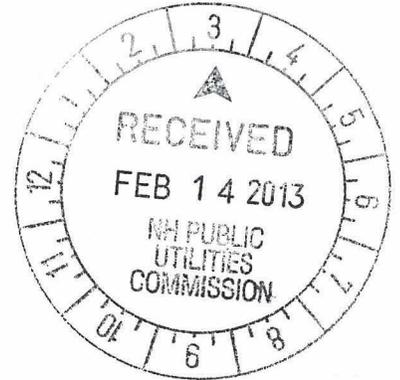




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***Re: DT 12-107, New Hampshire Optical Systems, Inc. – Petition for an Investigation
Into Proposed Charges for Utility Pole Make Ready***

Dear Ms. Howland:

I am writing on behalf of New England Cable and Telecommunications Association (“NECTA”) to request an extension of time until March 7, 2013 for filing comments on the Staff Report and Recommendations (“Staff Report”) issued January 30, 2013 in the above-captioned docket. By Secretarial Letter dated February 13, 2013 (“the Secretarial Letter”), the Commission established February 20, 2013 as the deadline for filing responses to the above-referenced Staff Report. Although the Secretarial Letter indicated that the Commission was providing the parties with five additional days, i.e. until February 20, 2013, to respond to Staff’s Report, it appears from the record in this docket that an earlier deadline had never been established. Thus, until yesterday, the parties to this docket were unaware that the Commission was expecting comments on Staff’s Report from the parties.

Pursuant to N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 202.04(c), the Commission is required to grant a request for extension of time if the requesting party has demonstrated that circumstances would cause undue hardship or inconvenience unless the request were granted, and the extension would not unduly delay the proceeding or adversely affect the rights of any party. Given the short, one-week deadline for responding to a lengthy Staff report, and due to previously-scheduled vacations of some of NECTA’s members and counsel, NECTA is in need of additional time to file its comments on Staff’s Report. In addition, because there is no procedural schedule (other than the February 20th response deadline) for this docket, the requested extension will not unduly delay the proceeding or adversely affect the rights of any party. Therefore, NECTA has met the standards for an extension of time.

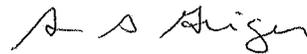
In accordance with N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 202.04 (b) NECTA has made a good faith attempt to obtain consent to this extension request from other parties to this docket. As of the

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time of the filing of this letter,¹ the following parties have indicated the positions set forth below: CLEC Association of Northern New England, Inc. ("CANNE") consents to the extension of time; PSNH consents and supports a similar extension for all parties to the docket; UES does not object to NECTA's request, and would support it if it were applicable to all parties; and NHOS takes no position.

NECTA would appreciate a response to this extension request prior to the February 20, 2013 deadline established in the Secretarial Letter. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,



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¹ N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 202.04 (a) requires that a request for extension of time be filed in writing with the Executive Director but does not prescribe that it take the form of a motion. Accordingly, this letter is being filed in lieu of a motion for enlargement of time.