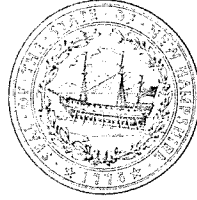


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Re: DT 12-215, Sovernet Fiber Corp. Petition for river and rail crossings; work needed

Dear Messrs. Lackey and Taylor:

On January 19, 2013, Sovernet Fiber Corp. (Sovernet) filed an amended petition pursuant to RSA 371:17 seeking approval for licenses to construct and maintain four fiber optic cable crossings over and across public waterways and in one case a railroad, in Lebanon, New Hampshire. The filing indicates that FairPoint Communications – NNE (FairPoint) performed surveys and provided make ready statements.

Staff review indicates that existing attachments as described in Sovernet's filing may not be in compliance with the NESC:

- Mascoma River at Glen Road: Pole GMP 82, FP 44. Existing cable shown as "CATV" 28 inches below neutral (closer than 40 inches).
- Mascoma River at Buckingham Place: Pole GMP 291/135, FP 311/132. Existing cable shown as "Fig 8 Cable" 12 inches below neutral
- Mascoma River at High Street / Route 4: Pole GMP 53/2, FP 60. Existing cable shown as "Fig 8 cable" 27 inches below neutral.
- Mascoma River at High Street / Route 4: Pole GMP 53/1, FP 60/5. Existing cable shown as "Fig 8 cable" 30 inches below neutral.

The drawings are available at:

<http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2012/12-215/INITIAL%20FILING%20-%20PETITION/12-215%202013-01-09%20SOVERNET%20AMENDED%20PETITION.PDF>

It appears that at least some of these apparent violations are in place today (others may not occur until new work is performed).

Please review these crossings. If you conclude that no violations exist or will exist, please provide an explanation to Staff. If you determine that work needs to be performed to correct these apparent violations, please revise the make ready assessments and petition to reflect such changes, and submit the revised documentation to the Commission.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Ladam", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael Ladam
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