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**DATE:** August 15, 2013**AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC**FROM:** Grant W. Siwinski  
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*Sub***SUBJECT:** DA 13-148, Letter Agreement – Massachusetts Electric Company Use of Communications Cable Attachments on New England Power Company Transmission Structures in Malden, Massachusetts**TO:** Debra A. Howland, Executive Director

On May 13, 2013, New England Power Company (“NEP”) filed a letter agreement effective May 1, 2013 between NEP and Massachusetts Electric Company (“MECO”). The agreement relates entirely to services to be provided by NEP to MECO and by MECO to NEP outside New Hampshire. However, because NEP, based on its operations in New Hampshire, is subject to the Commission’s jurisdiction for certain matters, the agreement is being filed with the Commission in the event that such filing is required pursuant to RSA 366.

The Letter Agreement sets the terms for MECO to use a communication cable attached to three NEP transmission structures in Malden, Massachusetts. The communication cable is to be used by both MECO and NEP for telecommunications purposes, including, but not limited to, transmission of writing, signs, signals, pictures and/or sounds of all kinds. Because NEP will receive benefits from the communication cable, NEP will allow MECO to place and maintain the cable on its structures and grants MECO the exclusive use of the cable. The Letter Agreement expires 364 days from the effective date of May 1, 2013 unless it is terminated by either party upon written notification to the other party.

Staff has reviewed the agreement and, at this point, does not recommend that the Commission take any further action pursuant to RSA 366. Because any issues that may arise related to the Letter Agreement can be addressed in other proceedings, Staff recommends that this docket be closed without opening a formal investigation.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

c: Steve Mullen  
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