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FROM: Michael Ladam, Director, Regulatory Innovation and Strategy

SUBJECT: DT 16-611, Merrimack County Telephone Company: Intrastate Access Tariff Revisions

TO: Commissioners
Debra Howland, Executive Director

CC: David Wiesner

On May 26, 2016, Merrimack County Telephone Company (Merrimack) submitted a filing to revise its intrastate access tariff for effect on July 1, 2016, pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Report and Order FCC 11-161 (Transformation Order). The revisions in this filing would set intrastate access rates equal to current interstate access rates.

On May 26, 2016, Merrimack made a second filing to revise its tariff. This second filing removes language that was needed to determine the classification of certain traffic under provisions of the Transformation Order that no longer apply.

Staff has reviewed both filings for compliance with FCC orders and rules. Our review has included comparisons of filings by different Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECs). The Merrimack filings and the revised access rates therein appear to be consistent with FCC directives.

Staff therefore recommends allowing both tariff revisions to take effect by operation of law on July 1, 2016. Merrimack would be directed to make a single compliance filing incorporating both proposed revisions.

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