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Ms. Debra Howland
State of New Hampshire
Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

**RE: Merrimack County Telephone Company: Intrastate Access Service Tariff
(NHPUC No. 8)
Add Rates for Merrimack County (d/b/a Contoocook Valley)**

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed please find the original and two (2) copies of the following tariff pages:

Section 17	Ninth Revised Sheet 2
	Fourth Revised Sheet 2.1
	Original Sheets 2.2 & 2.3
	Twelfth Revised Sheet 3

The purpose of this filing is to add Switched Access rates specific to the Merrimack County (d/b/a Contoocook Valley) study area. These rates should have been added in 2015 when MCT exited the NECA Pool for interstate Switched Access and became a part of the John Staurulakis, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 1. Separate interstate Switched Access rates were filed for the Merrimack County and Merrimack County (d/b/a Contoocook Valley) study areas as required by the FCC and the JSI tariff. Per the FCC's Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed rulemaking, WC Docket Nos. 10-90 et al., FCC 11-161 and 47 C.F.R. § 51.909, intrastate terminating Switched Access rates should mirror a Company's interstate terminating Switched Access rates. Therefore, this filing is being done to comply with the federal order and rules.

The rates being added with this filing were incorporated in our billing system correctly in 2015, therefore customers will not see a change to the rates that they are being charged.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (608) 664-4169.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rachelle A. Ladwig'.

Rachelle A. Ladwig
Sr. Administrator-Tariffs

Enclosures