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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)
Intrastate Access Service Change**

Dear Ms. Howland:

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

Section 17 **Fourteenth Revised Sheet 3**

The purpose of this filing is to modify the Company's intrastate applicable switched access terminating End Office rate. The modifications are in response to the Federal Communications Commission's Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed rulemaking, WC Docket Nos. 10-90 et. al., FCC 11-161, § 51.909 (h) Step 7 phase down rule (Released November 18, 2011) that requires Rate of Return Carrier's terminating End Office rate to be reduced by 2/3 of the differential between \$0.005 to \$0.0007 effective July 3, 2018.

The Company participates in the John Staurulakis, Inc. (JSI) Tariff FCC No. 1 for interstate access tariff terms, conditions and rates. The rates section of this tariff can be found at <https://tdstelecom.com/tariffs/jsi-fcc-no-1.html>.

The proposed effective date for this filing is July 3, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact me at (608) 664-4169.

Sincerely,

Rachelle A. Ladwig
Sr. Administrator-Tariffs

Enclosures