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Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
 and the Honorable Executive Council
 State House
 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Retroactive

REQUESTED ACTION

- 1) Pursuant to RSA 227-H:9, authorize the Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Forest and Lands (DRED) to enter into 4 RETROACTIVE Lease Agreements (the Leases) with New Hampshire Electric Cooperative Inc. (NHEC), a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire and having its place of business at 579 Tenney Mountain Highway, Plymouth, New Hampshire 03264 (the "Lessee"), to lease space of certain areas at Mount Kearsarge, Mount Sunapee, Mount Belknap and Mount Washington for a 5-year period, effective January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2016 for Leases at Mount Kearsarge and Mount Sunapee, and effective October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2017 for Leases at Mount Belknap and Mount Washington, with the option to renew for three (3) additional 5-year periods subject to Governor and Executive Council approval.

- 2) Further authorize DRED to set annual fees to be collected in monthly payments to be deposited into accounting unit #10-03500-86820000 "Tower Fund", as follows:

Kearsarge, Sunapee & Belknap		Mt Washington	
Calendar Year	3 % escalator	Contract Year	5% escalator
2012	\$24,000.00 X 3 = \$ 72,000	2012	\$ 24,000.00
2013	\$24,720.00 X 3 = \$ 74,160	2013	\$ 25,200.00
2014	\$25,461.60 X 3 = \$ 76,384.80	2014	\$ 26,460.00
2015	\$26,225.45 X 3 = \$ 78,676.35	2015	\$ 27,783.00
2016	\$27,012.21 X 3 = \$ 81,036.63	2016	\$ 29,172.19
Total	\$127,419.26 X 3 = \$382,257.78	Total	\$132,615.19

Note that rental fees will not be collected from NHEC until a \$351,923.91 drawdown, associated with the EDA Grant, has been realized. See Explanation below.



EXPLANATION

NHEC is a member-owned and controlled electric distributor serving approximately 80,000 members in 115 towns and cities.

In partnership with NHEC, the State on September 18, 2009, was awarded federal assistance in the form of a Department of Commerce – Economic Development Administration Grant (“EDA Grant”), not to exceed \$1,526,763, for the construction of repairs and upgrades to the State’s wireless telecommunications infrastructure at four (4) of the State’s mountaintop communication sites (Kearsarge Mountain, Belknap Mountain, Pitcher Mountain and Milan Hill), with a total of \$1,407,695.81 of the award being spent. The twenty percent (20%) match required by the EDA Grant award, not to exceed \$381,690, was provided by NHEC, with a total of \$351,923.91 being provided by NHEC. Governor and Executive Council approved the EDA Grant and the NHEC Match on May 26, 2010, Item # 38A.

This requested action is retroactive because NHEC had been long-time tenant at the time of the EDA Grant Award. Staff responsible for tenant leases at the time were focused on over-seeing the EDA Grant work. The need to execute new leases with NHEC was over-looked. An “Internal Process Review” (the Review) conducted by the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, in 2013, discovered this oversight, resulting in this request for your approval of retroactive leases. Based on the Review, DRED is improving process control to avoid this situation in the future.

According to the attached (in red) “NHEC EDA Grant Match Amortization Table”, the State and NHEC agree to the non-payment of the annual rent payments required of NHEC under the 4 leases, to amortize the \$351,923.91 match that was provided by NHEC according to the EDA Grant. The attached (in green) “NHEC Rent Payments into DRED Tower Fund” depicts actual rental revenue into the State. The following table lists the start and end dates for the Leases. The Leases are being reissued and modified with the consent of NHEC to reflect the resumption of actual rent payments:

Site	NHEC Lease Begin	NHEC Lease End
Belknap	1-Oct-2012	30-Sep-2017
Kearsarge	1-Jan-2012	31-Dec-2016
Sunapee	1-Jan-2012	31-Dec-2016
Washington	1-Oct-2012	30-Sep-2017

The Leases are subject to the “State of New Hampshire, Department of Resources and Economic Development Policy on Use and Management of Mountaintops for Communications Facilities”. They also require the communications equipment to meet the guidelines set forth by the “State of New Hampshire, Department of Resources and Economic Development Technical Requirements for the Use of Communication Sites.”

The Attorney General’s office has reviewed and approved the Leases as to form and substance, and will approve execution before the Leases shall be effective.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurred,


Brad W. Simpkins, Director


Jeffrey J. Rose, Commissioner

NHEC EDA Grant Match Amortization Table

Beginning Balance: \$351,923.91

Sites	Contract Dates	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	
Kearsarge	1/1/12-12/31/12	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$24,000.00	
	1/1/13-12/31/13	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$24,720.00	
	1/1/14/12/31/14	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$25,461.60	
	1/1/15-12/31/15	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$26,225.40	
Sunapee	1/1/12-12/31/12	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$24,000.00	
	1/1/13-12/31/13	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$24,720.00	
	1/1/14-12/31/14	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$25,461.60	
	1/1/15-12/31/15	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$26,225.40	
Total														\$200,814.00	\$200,814.00

NHEC Rent Payments into DRED Tower Fund

Sites	Contract Dates	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	
Belknap	10/1/12-9/30/13	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$24,000.00	
	10/1/13-9/30/14	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$2,060.00	\$24,720.00	
	10/1/14-9/30/15	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$2,121.80	\$25,461.60	
	10/1/15-9/30/16	\$1,268.31	1st bill \$917.15											\$1,268.31	
Washington	10/1/12-9/30/13	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$24,000.00	
	10/1/13-9/30/14	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$25,200.00	
	10/1/14-9/30/15	\$2,205.00	\$2,205.00	\$2,205.00	\$2,205.00	\$2,205.00	\$2,205.00	\$2,205.00	\$2,205.00	\$2,205.00	\$2,205.00	\$2,205.00	\$2,205.00	\$26,460.00	
														\$151,109.91	
Total Rental Match EDA Paydown														\$351,923.91	\$351,923.91

Sites	Contract Dates	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Kearsarge	1/1/16 - 1/1/17	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$27,012.24
	1/1/16 - 1/1/17	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$27,012.24
														\$54,024.48

Sites	Contract Dates	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Totals
Belknap	10/1/15-9/30/16	\$917.15	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$2,185.45	\$24,957.10
	10/1/16-9/30/17	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$2,251.02	\$27,012.24
Washington	10/1/15-9/30/16	\$2,315.25	\$2,315.25	\$2,315.25	\$2,315.25	\$2,315.25	\$2,315.25	\$2,315.25	\$2,315.25	\$2,315.25	\$2,315.25	\$2,315.25	\$2,315.25	\$27,783.00
	10/1/16-9/30/17	\$2,431.02	\$2,431.02	\$2,431.02	\$2,431.02	\$2,431.02	\$2,431.02	\$2,431.02	\$2,431.02	\$2,431.02	\$2,431.02	\$2,431.02	\$2,431.02	\$29,172.24
														\$56,955.24
Total Rental Payment Income														\$514,872.97

LEASE AGREEMENT

NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
KEARSARGE MOUNTAIN
KEARSARGE MOUNTAIN STATE FOREST
WARNER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

THE LEASE AGREEMENT (the "Lease"), is made and entered into on this First day of January, 2012, by and between the State of New Hampshire acting through its Department of Resources and Economic Development, having a mailing address of P.O. Box 1856, Concord, New Hampshire 03302-1856 (the "State"), under authority of RSA 227-H:9, and New Hampshire Electric Cooperative Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire and having its place of business at 579 Tenney Mountain Highway, Plymouth, New Hampshire 03264 (the "Lessee").

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2009, the State was awarded federal assistance in the form of a Department of Commerce – Economic Development Administration Grant ("EDA Grant"), not to exceed \$1,526,763, for the construction of repairs and upgrades to the State's wireless telecommunications infrastructure at four (4) of the State's mountaintop communication sites (Kearsarge Mountain, Belknap Mountain, Pitcher Mountain and Milan Hill), with a total of \$1,407,695.81 of the award being spent; and

WHEREAS, the twenty percent (20%) match required by the EDA Grant award, not to exceed \$381,690, was provided by the Lessee, with a total of \$351,923.91 being provided by the Lessee; and

WHEREAS, the Lessee is hereby entering into the Lease, and similar Leases at three (3) other state-owned mountaintop communication sites (Mount Sunapee, Belknap Mountain and Mount Washington) having a beginning base annual rent of \$24,000 for each site, subject to a 3% (or 5% at Mt. Washington only) annual escalator as outlined herein; and

WHEREAS, the State and the Lessee hereby agree that the non-payment of the annual rent payments required of the Lessee under the Lease, and the other three (3) Leases, shall act to amortize the \$351,923.91 match that was provided by the Lessee according to the "EDA Grant Amortization Table," attached herewith as Exhibit "E".

NOW, THEREFORE the State and the Lessee agree as follows:

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Lease is to provide for the use and possession by the Lessee of certain areas within and upon the real property and improvements thereon (the "Property") known as the top of Kearsarge Mountain, located in Kearsarge Mountain State Forest, according to the terms and conditions set forth below.

-WITNESSETH THAT-

I. LEASED PREMISES

The State, for and in consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter contained and made on the part of the Lease, does hereby grant, demise and lease to the Lessee:

- a. Certain space at the 15, 17, 40, 55, 70, 85, 115, 150, and 170 foot band levels on the existing 180 foot communication tower located at the summit of Kearsarge Mountain, Kearsarge Mountain State Forest, Warner, New Hampshire; and
- b. Also certain floor space, not to exceed four (4) 19" equipment racks, in the Equipment Building for the installation of equipment cabinets; and
- c. Also, the right to install and maintain non-overhead electric and telephone lines to the Equipment Building and antenna cables from the Equipment Building to the communication tower, and a communication tower/Equipment Building grounding system; and
- d. Together with the right in common with the public and others entitled thereto to use the roadways and hiking trails on Kearsarge Mountain as a means of passing and repassing from the Town maintained portion of Kearsarge Mountain Road to the summit for the transportation of equipment and personnel in connection with the installation, operation and maintenance of the authorized facilities.

The above described land and rights shall hereinafter be called the "Leased Premises."

No additional facilities shall be allowed without prior written permission of the State.

II. ENTRY AND USE OF LEASED PREMISES

The Lessee shall be permitted to enter and use the Leased Premises as a wireless communication site. The Lessee shall not be permitted to use the Leased Premises for any other purpose except by prior written approval of the State. The State shall have the right to request identification of any and all individuals representing the Lessee who seek access to the Property under the terms of the Lease and to deny access to the Property by certain individuals identified, if necessary.

III. AUTHORIZED FACILITIES

The Lessee is authorized to have the following facilities on the Property:

- a. Antennas attached to the tower, in accordance with all applicable approvals from and requirements of federal, state and local authorities; and
- b. Conduits with electrical and telephone lines inside said conduits to be placed within the Equipment Building to said antennas and from their nearest available connection points to the Equipment Building; and

- c. The list of equipment located in the Equipment Building will be attached herewith as Exhibit "D"; and
- d. Together with all lines, anchors, connections and such appurtenant and accessory devices as required for the transmission, reception, encryption and translation of voice and data signals by means of radio frequency energy (collectively, the "Facilities").

No additional facilities shall be allowed without written permission of the State, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

IV. ACCESS LIMITATION

Access to the Kearsarge Mountain Summit under bare ground conditions shall be via Kearsarge Mountain Road by wheeled passenger vehicle to the upper parking lot and then by foot via the hiking trail(s) to the summit. No wheeled or track vehicles shall be permitted on the hiking trails under bare ground conditions.

Kearsarge Mountain Road, above the gate, is not and shall not be winter maintained (i.e. no plowing, sanding or salting) and is closed to wheeled vehicle use from the Rollins gate to the parking lot when the road is snow covered. Snowmobile or track vehicle use of Kearsarge Mountain Road shall be permitted under snow covered conditions.

Snowmobile or track vehicle access from the parking lot to the summit shall be permitted when adequate snow cover exists. Adequate snow cover is defined as that quantity and quality of snow that will allow safe travel without damage to the hiking trail or the forest environment.

Construction material and heavy equipment access shall be by helicopter. The Lessee shall provide 48-hour advance notice to the DRED Communications Technician II or designee (the "State's Agent") prior to helicopter use.

Access contact: Justin Bellen – Communications Technician II, at (603) 271-2214 ext. 304.

V. RENT - OTHER CONSIDERATION

The Lease shall be effective as of the date of execution by both Parties, provided, however, the initial term shall be for five (5) years and shall commence on the Commencement Date (as hereinafter defined) at which time rental payments shall commence and be due at a total annual rental of **Twenty Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00), subject to a Three Percent (3%) Annual Escalator**, to be paid in equal monthly installments on the first day of the month, in advance, to the State or to such other person, firm or place as the State may, from time to time, designate in writing at least thirty (30) days in advance of any rental payment date by notice given in accordance with Section XIX below. The Lease shall commence based upon the date the Lessee commences installation of the Facilities on the Property, or on the first day of January, 2012, whichever occurs first. In the event the date of commencing installation of the Facilities is determinative and such date falls between the 1st and 15th of

the month, the Lease shall commence on the 1st of that month and if such date falls between the 16th and 31st of the month, then the Lease shall commence on the 1st day of the following month (either of the foregoing or January 1, 2012, if applicable, being the "Commencement Date"). The Lessee shall provide written notice to the State of the date it commences installation of the Facilities on the Property. The State and the Lessee acknowledge and agree that initial rental payment(s) shall not actually be sent by the Lessee until thirty (30) days after the Commencement Date. By way of illustration of the preceding sentence, if the Commencement Date is January 1, the Lessee shall send to the State the rental payments for January 1 and February 1, by February 1. On every Commencement Date, including throughout any annual renewal, the annual rent shall increase by three percent (3%).

If the Lease is renewed for successive 5-year term(s) pursuant to the provisions of the Lease herein, on every anniversary of the Commencement Date, the renewal term rent shall increase by three percent (3%) from the prior year's annual rental amount.

Rent payments shall be by check made payable to "Treasurer, The State of New Hampshire," delivered to Business Office, Department of Resources and Economic Development, PO Box 1856, Concord, NH 03302-1856, beginning on the Commencement Date (as described above), and monthly thereafter, throughout the term of the Lease. Upon agreement of the parties, the Lessee may pay rent by electronic funds transfer and in such event, the State agrees to provide to the Lessee bank routing information for such purpose upon request of the Lessee.

Prior to the Commencement Date, the State grants to the Lessee, its contractors, agents, employees and assigns, including a surveyor, a right of entry and license to enter upon the Property and to conduct site assessments and tests that the Lessee may reasonably deem appropriate in order to evaluate the Property for the Lessee's potential placement of attachment locations for antennas upon the State's tower as well as development of the Lessee's assigned area within the State's Equipment Building. The Lessee shall take precautions to minimize the impact of any work on the Property. The Lessee must coordinate any entry or activity on the Property in advance with the State's Agent. The Lessee agrees to comply with all local, state and federal laws, rules and ordinances applicable to the work, and further agrees to exercise due care in the performance of all work on the Property. The Lessee shall be responsible for determining the location of all underground utilities prior to the commencement of any work. The Lessee, its contractors, agents, employees or assigns shall not make or cause to be made any governmental filings regarding the Property without the prior written consent of the State. Notwithstanding any other provisions in the Lease, the provisions of this Section shall survive the expiration or termination of the Lease. The Lessee shall restore the Property to its existing condition, reasonable wear and tear excepted, and shall indemnify and hold harmless the State from all loss, costs, injury or damage to persons including death, or property arising out of the Lessee's employees, agents, assigns or contractor's actions with respect to entry upon the Property pursuant to this right of entry. The Lessee shall continuously maintain in full force and affect a policy of Commercial General Liability insurance in amounts specified in Section XIII below, covering the Lessee's work and operations at the Property. The Lessee

shall deliver to the State a certificate of insurance evidencing said coverage and naming the State as an additional insured prior to entering the Property.

The State agrees that the Lessee shall be entitled to connect its Facilities to the emergency backup power generator. The Lessee's sole cost for its use of the generator shall be its share of the cost of fuel, determined based on the percentage of power drawn by the Lessee's Facilities, compared with the power drawn by all other components and devices powered by the generator. The Lessee agrees to pay for the electricity use by their equipment upon such time that the State becomes capable of billing each tenant for its electrical use.

VI. TERM

Subject to the foregoing limited access and use license, the Lessee shall have and hold the Leased Premises for a term of five (5) years, commencing on Commencement Date and ending on the fifth (5th) anniversary of such date, unless sooner terminated in accordance with the provisions hereof.

The Lease may be extended for three (3) additional five (5) year terms, provided the Lessee has given notice in writing to the State of its intent to extend the Lease at least six (6) months prior to the expiration date of each term, subject to a review and renegotiation, if necessary to stay current with the fair market value, of the fee paid for consideration and the three percent (3%) annual escalator fee. Governor and Council approval shall be required for each five year (5) term extension.

VII. TAXES

The Lessee shall pay, in addition to any other payments provided hereunder, all taxes and all fees, assessments and other costs or expenses now or hereafter imposed by any government authority, directly in connection with the Lessee's equipment or use of the Leased Premises. In addition, the Lessee shall pay that portion, if any, of the personal property taxes or other taxes directly attributable to the Lessee's equipment. The Lessee shall pay any increase in real estate taxes levied against the Leased Premises and the Lessee's equipment directly attributable to the Lessee's use and occupancy of the Lease Premises. Pursuant to the application of RSA 72:23 I, which provides for taxation of certain State properties used or occupied by persons or entities other than the State.

The Lessee shall make payment of such taxes, fees, and assessments to the State or such government authority as has invoiced taxes, fees, and assessments, within thirty (30) days of the date of invoice. Failure of the Lessee to pay the duly assessed real estate and/or personal property taxes, fees and assessments when due shall be cause to terminate the Lease by the State provided written notice has been given the Lessee by the party assessing the tax and sixty (60) days have elapsed from the date of the receipt of notice by the Lessee and no payment has been made.

VIII. RIGHT TO LEASE - COMPLIANCE WITH LAW

The State represents that it has the full right, title, interest, power and authority to enter into the Lease and provide for the Leased Premises for the term herein granted. The Lessee shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations in connection with the operation of the Lease.

IX. QUIET ENJOYMENT-INSPECTION

The Lessee, upon the payment of the rent herein provided, and upon the performance of all of the terms of the Lease, shall peaceably and quietly have, hold and enjoy the Leased Premises without any hindrance, disturbance, interference or interruption from the State or from any persons claiming by, through and under the State.

Provided however, the Lessee agrees that the State or any of its duly authorized agents may with reasonable notice to the Lessee, inspect any and all the Lessee Property located on the Leased Premises during usual business hours; and

The Lessee understands and hereby accepts that other leasehold tenants occupy the Property which may result in possible inconvenience when another lessee is doing work coincidentally onsite.

X. MUTUAL NON-INTERFERENCE - CONFLICTS WITH RECREATIONAL USERS

The Lessee agrees to install radio equipment of the type and frequency which will not cause measurable interference to the State, other lessees of the premises or neighboring landowners. In the event the equipment of the Lessee causes such interference, and after the State has notified the Lessee of such interference, the Lessee will take all steps necessary to correct and eliminate the interference. Continued interference problems caused by the equipment of the Lessee shall be just cause for termination of the Lease subject to the provisions of Section XXV.

The State agrees that the State and any other tenants of the Property who currently have or in the future take possession of the Property will be permitted to install only such radio equipment that is of the type and frequency which will not cause measurable interference to the Lessee. In the event any such equipment of the State or of another tenant at the Property causes such interference, the State will see that the interfering party takes all steps necessary to correct and eliminate the interference.

The State covenants and agrees that it will not permit or allow the erection, installation or construction of any buildings, or structures, on any portion of its remaining land at the Property that will shield or obstruct or otherwise interfere with the reception or transmitting of radio signals over the paths established by the Lessee. However, the Lessee agrees to comply with any reasonable requests made by the State or any of its agents as to particular unanticipated situations which may arise to enable the State or its other tenants to erect,

install or construct the erection, installation or construction of such structures. In no event however, shall the Lessee's compliance with such requests relieve the State of its obligation to see that the State or any other interfering party take all steps necessary to correct and eliminate any interference caused thereby. In addition, all reasonable precautions will be taken by the Lessee to ensure that there will be no conflict with the State's use, which can include the public's use of the Property including but not limited to, obstructing access to the summit or viewpoints from the summit.

XI. ASSIGNMENT/SUBLEASE

The Lessee may not assign or transfer its rights under the Lease or sublease any portion of the Leased Premises to any third party without the express written permission of the State.

However, the interest of the Lessee under the Lease may be freely assigned in the following cases: (1) in connection with the transfer of the FCC authorization to operate a wireless communication system, so that the name and identity of the holder of the interest of the Lessee hereunder can be consistent with the name and identity of the holder of said FCC authorization; and (2) to principals, affiliates, subsidiaries of its principals, in each case of the Lessee, or to any entity which acquires all or substantially all of the assets of the Lessee in the New Hampshire market by reason of a merger, acquisition or other business reorganization.

XII. COMMUNICATION SITE POLICY-TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

The Lease is granted subject to the State of New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development "Policy on Use and Management of Mountaintops for Communication Facilities" adopted November 7, 1989, and revised on January 1, 2014, a copy of which is attached herewith, made a part hereof, and is marked Exhibit "A".

All communications equipment and appurtenances shall be installed in compliance with the "State of New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development Technical Requirements for Use of Communication Sites" adopted June 30, 1995, and revised in February, 2014, a copy of which is attached herewith, made a part hereof, and is marked Exhibit "B".

XIII. INDEMNIFICATION-LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Lessee shall indemnify and save the State harmless from any and all costs, claims, loss, damage, damages, liability, demands and suits of any kind, by whomever brought, that may in whole or in part arise from or be caused by:

1. The operation, maintenance, use or occupation of the herein Leased Premises by the Lessee; or
2. The acts, omissions or gross negligence of the Lessee, its agents, officers, employees or permittees; or

3. The failure of the Lessee to observe and abide by any of the terms or conditions of the Lease or any applicable law, ordinance, rule, or regulation.

The obligation of the Lessee to so relieve the State shall continue during any period of occupancy or of holding over by the Lessee, its agents, officers, employees or permittees, beyond the expiration or other termination of the Lease.

However, nothing in this paragraph shall require the Lessee to indemnify the State against the willful or negligent actions by the State.

The Lessee shall, during the full term of the Lease, at the expense of the Lessee, carry commercial general liability insurance providing either combined single limit of not less than two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) or not less than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) per person and Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) per occurrence which shall protect both the State and the Lessee against all claims for personal injury, death, and property damage and certificates thereof shall be delivered to the State within ten (10) days after the date of execution of the Lease, and thereafter at least thirty (30) days prior to expiration of the effective policy. The Lessee shall name the State as an additional insured on said insurance policy.

XIV. RISK OF LOSS - FIRE - CASUALTY

All property of every kind installed by the Lessee on the Leased Premises shall be at the sole risk of the Lessee and the State shall not be liable to the Lessee or any other person for any injury, loss, damage, or inconvenience occasioned by any cause whatsoever to said property. The Lessee shall be responsible for maintaining appropriate property insurance for its interest in the Leased Premises and property located thereon.

Should the existing Equipment Building on the Property be substantially damaged by fire, other casualty or act of God, then the State shall notify the Lessee as soon as it is able as to whether or not the State intends to rebuild the Equipment Building and the likely time frame within which the rebuilding would be accomplished. During such rebuilding the Lessee shall, at its option, have the right to erect suitable temporary structures to effectuate the broadcast of the signal of the Lessee. If the State elects not to rebuild the equipment building then the Lessee may, at its option, elect either to terminate the Lease or to rebuild on the same site, substitute structures of similar design and size as existed prior to the damage with the approval of the State, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

The State shall not be obligated to rebuild or replace any building wholly or substantially destroyed by fire, flood, weather event, act of God, or other casualty. The State shall not be liable to Lessee for any injury, loss, damage, or inconvenience occasioned by any cause whatsoever to said Property, including but not limited to any loss of income for any function, program or contract that may not take place for whatever reason due to an emergency or unforeseeable situation.

XV. INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE - COST

All improvements installed by the Lessee at the Property for its sole benefit shall be at the expense of the Lessee, and subject to prior written approval by the State. During the term of the Lease, the Lessee will maintain such improvements installed by the Lessee on the Property in a safe and reasonable condition, and neat in appearance so as to minimize visual impact. The materials and design for the installation at the Property shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and approvals. The Lessee shall have all construction plans relating to the project at the Property approved by applicable federal, state and local governmental authorities having jurisdiction over construction and installation of cell facilities on the Property ("Governmental Authorities") prior to the commencement of such construction and installation.

It is understood and agreed that the ability of the Lessee to use the Property is contingent upon its obtaining, after the execution date of the Lease, all of the certificates, permits and other approvals that may be required by any Governmental Authority as well as a satisfactory building structural analysis, so as to permit the use by the Lessee of the Property as contemplated by the Lease. The State shall cooperate with the Lessee in its effort to obtain all required Governmental Authority approvals, and shall take no action which would adversely affect the status of the Property with respect to the proposed use thereof by the Lessee. In the event that any of such applications should be finally rejected or any certificate, permit, license or approval issued to the Lessee is canceled, expires, lapses, or is otherwise withdrawn or terminated by the relevant Governmental Authority, or, in the event that the Lessee determines that the Property site is no longer technically compatible for the use contemplated by the Lease, or that the Lessee, in its sole discretion, will be unable to use the Property for its intended purposes, the Lessee shall have the right to terminate the Lease subject to 90-day written notice to the State. Notice of the exercise by the Lessee of its right to terminate shall be given to the State in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, and shall be effective upon the mailing of such notice by the Lessee. All rental and electrical service payments paid or owed up to said termination date shall be made by the Lessee and retained by the State. Upon such termination, the Lease shall become null and void and, except as expressly provided in the Lease, the parties shall have no further obligations including the payment of money, to each other. The Lessee shall remove any and all of its property from the Property prior to termination of the Lease under this paragraph.

XVI. CONDITIONS - RENT ABATEMENT

The obligations of the Lessee hereunder, including the obligations to pay rent, are expressly conditioned upon and subject to the following:

- (a) The continued authorization of the Lessee to use the Facilities for the purposes intended by the Lessee pursuant to all necessary approvals from Governmental Authorities relating to such use; and
- (b) The continued retention by the State of good, clear, and marketable title to the

Property underlying the Leased Premises, and such title remaining free from encumbrances and restrictions which would interfere with the use of the Leased Premises intended by the Lessee or would impair the ability of the Lessee to pledge the leasehold estate as collateral to secure debt financing.

If any of the foregoing conditions should fail to remain satisfied and the Lessee's equipment is decommissioned, the Lessee shall have no obligation to pay rent until such condition is once again satisfied or waived, and rent which would otherwise be due during the intervening time pending satisfaction of such condition is hereby excused and forgiven.

XVII. LEASE RUNNING WITH THE LAND

The covenants, terms, conditions, provisions and understandings in the Lease shall be construed as covenants running with the land and are binding upon and inure to the benefits of the respective successors and assigns of the parties herein.

XVIII. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

The Lease expresses the entire agreement between the parties, and supersedes all prior understandings.

XIX. NOTICES

All notices, demands, requests and other communications required by the Lease shall be in writing and shall be considered properly given if sent by United States registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, to:

- (a) The State:
The State of New Hampshire
Department of Resources and Economic Development
P.O. Box 1856
Concord, New Hampshire 03302-1856
Attention: Jeffrey J. Rose, Commissioner (or duly appointed successor)

or at such other address of the State from time to time may have designated by written notice to the Lessee. Such notice shall be deemed properly given upon the posting in the United States mail.

- (b) The Lessee:
NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
579 Tenney Mountain Highway
Plymouth, New Hampshire, 03264
Dena DeLucca, Vice President, Corporate & Member Services/CFO (or designee)

or at such other address as the Lessee from time to time may have designated by written notice to the State. Such notice shall be deemed properly given upon the

posting in the United States mail.

XX. AMENDMENT - EXTENT OF INSTRUMENT - CHOICE OF LAWS - ETC.

The terms of the Lease may be modified or amended by written agreement between the Lessee and the State. The Lease, which may be executed in a number of counterparts each of which shall have been deemed an original but which shall constitute one and the same instrument is to be construed according to the laws of New Hampshire, is to take effect as a sealed instrument, is binding upon, inures to the benefits of, and shall be enforceable by the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

XXI. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

The Lease does not abridge or limit, nor shall it be interpreted as abridging or limiting the sovereign or official immunity to which the State and its representatives and agents are lawfully entitled.

XXII. SEVERABILITY

If any term of the Lease or any application thereof shall be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the Lease and any application of such term shall not be affected thereby.

XXIII. NO WAIVER OR BREACH

No assent, by either party, whether express or implied to a breach of a covenant, condition or obligation by the other party, shall act as a waiver of a right of action for damages as a result of such breach, or shall be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach of the covenant, condition or obligation.

XXIV. NOTICE OF LEASE

The State agrees to execute a Notice of the Lease Agreement, substantially in the form of that attached herewith as Exhibit "C", which the Lessee shall record with the appropriate recording officer. The date set forth in the Notice of Lease is for recording purposes only and bears no reference to commencement of either term or rent payments.

XXV. DEFAULT - THE LESSEE'S RIGHT TO CURE - TERMINATION - RESTORATION

In the event there is a default by the Lessee with respect to any of the provisions of the Lease or its obligations under it, including the payment of rent, the State shall give the Lessee written notice of such default. After receipt of such written notice, the Lessee shall have fifteen (15) days in which to cure any monetary default and thirty (30) days in which to cure any non-monetary default, provided the Lessee shall have such extended period as may be required beyond the thirty (30) days if the nature of the cure is such that it reasonably requires more than thirty (30) days whose length of time shall be agreed upon by the parties,

and the Lessee commences the cure within the thirty (30) day period and thereafter continuously and diligently pursues the cure to completion. The State may not maintain any action or effect any remedies for default against the Lessee unless and until the Lessee has failed to cure the same within the time periods provided in this paragraph. The failure of the Lessee to act to cure the default within the specified time periods shall be just cause for termination of the Lease.

The Lessee shall have the unilateral right to terminate the Lease at any time by giving ninety (90) day written notice to the State of the exercise by the Lessee of this option.

The Lessee, upon termination of the Lease, shall, within sixty (60) days of termination, remove all of its equipment, personal property and all fixtures from the Property and repair any damage caused by its use of the Leased Premises or the removal of its equipment, reasonable wear and tear excepted. If such time for removal causes the Lessee to remain on the Leased Premises after termination of the Lease, the Lessee shall pay rent at then-existing monthly rate or on the existing monthly pro rata basis if based upon a longer payment term, until such time as the removal of the equipment, personal property and all fixtures are completed.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused the Lease to be executed the day and year first above written.

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

By: _____
Jeffrey J. Rose
Commissioner

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF MERRIMACK

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____ 2014, by Jeffrey J. Rose, in his capacity as Commissioner of the Department of Resources and Economic Development.

NOTARY PUBLIC/JUSTICE OF PEACE
My Commission expires: _____

**NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC.**

By: _____
Dena L. DeLucca
Vice President, Corporate & Member
Services/CFO
Duly Authorized

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF GRAFTON

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____ 2014, by, Dena L. DeLucca in her capacity as Vice President, Corporate and Member Services/CFO of New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.

NOTARY PUBLIC/JUSTICE OF PEACE
My Commission expires: _____

Approved as to form, substance and execution

Date _____

By: _____

Brian Buonamano

Office of NH Attorney General

Approved by Governor and Council

Date _____

Agenda Item No. _____

The following Exhibits are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference:

- "A" The State of New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development Policy of Use and Management of Mountaintops for Communication Facilities
- "B" The State of New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development Technical Requirements for Use of Communication Sites
- "C" Notice of Lease
- "D" Equipment List
- "E" EDA Grant Amortization Table

EXHIBIT C

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Notice of Lease

Notice of the following Lease is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 477, Sections 7 and 7-a:

LESSOR: **STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**, Department of Resources and Economic Development, having a mailing address of P.O. Box 1856, Concord, New Hampshire 03302-1856

LESSEE: **NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire and having its place of business at 579 Tenney Mountain Highway, Plymouth, New Hampshire 03264

DATE OF EXECUTION: _____

DESCRIPTION: Communications Lease at Kearsarge Mountain State Forest

LEASED PREMISES

The STATE, for and in consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter contained and made on the part of LESSEE, does hereby grant, demise and LEASE to LESSEE:

- a. Certain space at the 15, 17, 40, 55, 70, 85, 115, 150, and 170 foot band levels on the existing 180 foot communication tower; and
- b. Certain floor space, not to exceed four (4) 19" equipment racks, in the Equipment Building; and
- c. The right to install and maintain non-overhead electric and telephone lines to the Equipment Building and antenna cables from the Equipment Building to the communication tower, and a communication tower/Equipment Building grounding system; and
- d. The right in common with the public and others entitled thereto to use the roadways and hiking trails on Kearsarge Mountain as a means of passing and repassing from the Town maintained portion of Kearsarge Mountain Road to the summit for the transportation of equipment and personnel in connection with the installation, operation and maintenance of the authorized facilities.

TERM: Five (5) years

DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERM: January 1, 2012.

RIGHTS OF EXTENSION OR RENEWAL: Three (3) successive five (5) year terms

EXECUTED as an instrument under seal on the dates indicated below.

LESSOR:

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

By: _____
Jeffrey J. Rose
Commissioner

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF MERRIMACK

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 2014, by Jeffrey J. Rose, in his capacity as Commissioner of the Department of Resources and Economic Development.

NOTARY PUBLIC/JUSTICE OF PEACE
My Commission expires: _____

LESSEE:

**NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC**

By: _____
Dena L. DeLucca
Vice President, Corporate & Member
Services/CFO
Duly Authorized

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF GRAFTON

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____ 2014, by, Dena L. DeLucca in her capacity as Vice President, Corporate and Member Services/CFO of New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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My Commission expires: _____

EXHIBIT D

MT KEARSARGE TOWER SITE ANTENNA AND EQUIPMENT LIST FOR NHEC

11/10/2014

DISHES TOTAL OF THREE (3)

Reference	Dish 1	Dish 2	Dish 3
Description	To Gilman Hill, Meredith NH	To Mt Sunapee, Newport NH	To Catamount Mtn, Pittsfield NH
Quantity	One (1)	One (1)	One (1)
Type	6' high performance dish	6' high performance dish	6' high performance dish
Manufacturer	RFS	RFS	RFS
Model	DA8-59A	SU6-107B	DA6-59BC
Azimuth	42° T	246° T	105° T
Mounting location	15' CL on the NE leg	55' CL across the S and NW face	17' CL on the S leg
Mount type	Pipe mount tower leg	Pipe mount on face mount	Pipe mount on tower leg
Ice Shield	Y	Y	Y
Cable Type	RFS E60 Elliptical waveguide	RFS E105 Elliptical waveguide	RFS E60 Elliptical waveguide
Dimensions	2.2" x 1.3"	1.3" x 0.8"	2.2" x 1.3"
TX Power Out	32 dBm	29 dBm	32 dBm
ERP	72.0 dBm	68.0 dBm	69.1 dBm
TX/RX Frequency	6063.80 MHz/ 6315.84 MHz	10915.00 MHz/ 11405.00 MHz	6226.89 MHz/ 5974.85 MHz
FCC Call Sign	WQMI783	WQMI783	WQMI783

ANTENNA TOTAL OF SEVEN (7)

Reference	Land Mobile Radio	Load Management	Advanced Metering Infrastructure	Generator Monitor	GPS Receiver
Quantity	Two (2)	One (1)	One (1)	Two (2)	One (1)
Type	Grid panel antenna	Whip	Whip	Yagi	GPS
Manufacturer	Kathrein Scala	Austin	Decibel	Telewave	Spectrum Instruments
Model	K523221	APC-1362	DB-608	ANT450Y5	60015-001
Dimension	52"x52"x27"	180" x 2"	200"x3"	24"x14"	3.9" x 3.4"
Azimuth	0° T	Omni	Omni	245° T / 65° T	Omni
Mounting location	85' CL (TX) 120' CL (RX) Both on NW Leg	70' at base NW Leg	30' CL NE Leg	Main shelter & Generator shelter	Ice Bridge
Mount type	4' side arm Pipe mount tower leg	3' Side arm pipe mount	3' sidearm on tower leg	Wall standoff with pipe	Pipe mount
Ice Shield	Y	N	N	N	N/A
Cable Type	7/8" rigid coax	1/2" rigid coax	1/2" rigid coax	1/2" rigid coax	1/2" rigid coax

TX Power Output ERP TX/RX Frequency (MHz) FCC Call Sign	Set to 9 W per TX	100 W	10 W	2W	N/A
	19.9 W per TX	400 W	40W	6W	N/A
	1) 153.3500/157.8825 2) 152.2025/158.6625 3) 153.1175/158.3775 4) 153.5375/158.3625	154.46375 (TX only)	454.200 TX&RX	451.5375 TX&RX	1575.00 RX only
	1) WQSL737/WQQQ904 2) WQQQ900 3) WQSL737 4) WQSL737	WNQT214	WQQF422	KCC346	N/A

EQUIPMENT CABINETS/RACKS TOTAL OF SIX (6)

Qty	Dimensions	Type	Reference	Description
1	24"x24"x80"	Cabinet	CAB 1.1	Load Management (LM) Transmitter
1	24"x24"x80"	Cabinet	CAB 1.2	Microwave, AMI, & Generator Monitor
1	24"x24"x80"	Rack	CAB 1.3	48 VDC power system
1	24"x24"x80"	Cabinet	CAB 1.4	Land Mobile Radio (LMR)
1	24"x24"x80"	Rack	CAB 1.5	TX/RX Combiner/Multicoupler for LMR
1	23"x17"x80"	Cabinet	CAB 1.6	In generator shelter, wall mounted

HOUSED EQUIPMENT

Type	Qty	Make/Model	Description	Location
Load Management	1	CODAN/AN1300	Load Management TX	CAB 1.1
	1	Zetron/Model 66	TX controller	
	1	Spectrum/TM-4	GPS Receiver	
	1	CONVEX/ADL	Auto Delay Line for simulcast	
Microwave	4	Ceragon/IP-10G	Microwave radios	CAB 1.2
	4	Ceragon/15HPA-1R-RFU	Microwave RF Amp High Power	
	1	Adtran/Atlas 550	T1 Integrated Access Device	
-48 VDC Power Supply	1	C&D Technology/ Sageon Micro	48VDC power system with 16 batteries	CAB 1.3
Land Mobile Radio (LMR)	4	Motorola/MTR300	Repeaters for LMR System	CAB 1.4
	2	Motorola/XPR-4550	FCC required monitor RX	
	2	Motorola/XRC-9000	Trunking site controller	
VHF combiner/multicoupler	1	TX/RX Systems	TX Combiner and RX multicoupler for LMR	CAB 1.5
Generator monitor	2	Kenwood/TK-8180	Generator monitor wireless telemetry	CAB 1.2 & Cab 1.6
	2	Zetron/Model 18	between buildings	
AMI Base	1	CalAmp/Viper SC	Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Base station	CAB 1.2
Site Monitor	1	NetGuardian/420	Monitors site environmental	CAB 1.2
Dehydrator	1	Andrew/ MR050	Waveguide dehydrator	Wall mounted

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LEASE AGREEMENT

**NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
MOUNT SUNAPEE
MOUNT SUNAPEE STATE PARK
NEWBURY, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

THE LEASE AGREEMENT (the "Lease"), is made and entered into on this **First** day of **January, 2012**, by and between the State of New Hampshire acting through its Department of Resources and Economic Development, having a mailing address of P.O. Box 1856, Concord, New Hampshire 03302-1856 (the "State"), under authority of RSA 227-H:9, and New Hampshire Electric Cooperative Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire and having its place of business at 579 Tenney Mountain Highway, Plymouth, New Hampshire 03264 (the "Lessee").

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2009, the State was awarded federal assistance in the form of a Department of Commerce – Economic Development Administration Grant ("EDA Grant"), not to exceed \$1,526,763, for the construction of repairs and upgrades to the State's wireless telecommunications infrastructure at four (4) of the State's mountaintop communication sites (Kearsarge Mountain, Belknap Mountain, Pitcher Mountain and Milan Hill), with a total of \$1,407,695.81 of the award being spent; and

WHEREAS, the twenty percent (20%) match required by the EDA Grant award, not to exceed \$381,690, was provided by the Lessee, with a total of \$351,923.91 being provided by the Lessee; and

WHEREAS, the Lessee is hereby entering into the Lease, and similar Leases at three (3) other state-owned mountaintop communication sites (Kearsarge Mountain, Belknap Mountain and Mount Washington) having a beginning base annual rent of \$24,000 for each site, subject to a 3% (or 5% at Mt. Washington only) annual escalator as outlined herein; and

WHEREAS, the State and the Lessee hereby agree that the non-payment of the annual rent payments required of the Lessee under the Lease, and the other three (3) Leases, shall act to amortize the \$351,923.91 match that was provided by the Lessee according to the "EDA Grant Amortization Table," attached herewith as Exhibit "E".

NOW, THEREFORE the State and the Lessee agree as follows:

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Lease is to provide for the use and possession by the Lessee of certain areas within and upon the real property and improvements thereon (the "Property") known as the Mount Sunapee Ski Area, located in Mount Sunapee State Park, according to the terms and conditions set forth below.

-WITNESSETH THAT-

I. LEASED PREMISES

The State, for and in consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter contained and made on the part of the Lease, does hereby grant, demise and lease to the Lessee:

- a. Certain space at the 150, 40, 70 and 75 foot band levels on the existing 160 foot communication tower located at the summit of Mount Sunapee, Mount Sunapee State Park, Newbury, New Hampshire; and
- b. Also certain floor space, not to exceed four (4) 19" equipment racks, in the basement of the Summit Building for the installation of equipment cabinets;
- c. Also the right to install and maintain non-overhead electric lines and cables from the communication tower to the Summit Building; and
- d. Together with the right as appurtenant to the described facilities and in common with the others entitled thereto, to use the roadways and trails and ski lifts on the mountain, except as herein restricted, as a means of passing and repassing from New Hampshire Route 103 to the summit for the transportation of equipment and personnel in connection with the operation and maintenance of the facilities authorized herein.

The above described land and rights shall hereinafter be called the "Leased Premises."

No additional facilities shall be allowed without prior written permission of the State.

II. ENTRY AND USE OF LEASED PREMISES

The Lessee shall be permitted to enter and use the Leased Premises as a wireless communication site. The Lessee shall not be permitted to use the Leased Premises for any other purpose except by prior written approval of the State. The State shall have the right to request identification of any and all individuals representing the Lessee who seek access to the Property under the terms of the Lease and to deny access to the Property by certain individuals identified, if necessary.

III. AUTHORIZED FACILITIES

The Lessee is authorized to have the following facilities on the Property:

- a. Antennas attached to the tower, in accordance with all applicable approvals from and requirements of federal, state and local authorities; and
- b. Conduits with electrical and telephone lines inside said conduits to be placed along and within the Summit Lodge running from the Equipment Room to said antennas and from their nearest available connection points to the Equipment Room; and
- c. The Equipment Room, which will be located on the basement level of the Summit Lodge building; and

- d. The list of equipment located in the Equipment Room will be attached as Exhibit "D".

Together with all lines, anchors, connections and such appurtenant and accessory devices as required for the transmission, reception, encryption and translation of voice and data signals by means of radio frequency energy (collectively, the "Facilities").

No additional facilities shall be allowed without written permission of the State, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

IV. ACCESS LIMITATION

Access to the Leased Premises during the operating seasons and normal business hours for personnel, hand tools and small (hand held) equipment shall be by the summit chair lift and will be provided by the State of New Hampshire – DRED as a condition of the Lease at no additional charge. New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. to the greatest extent possible will schedule non-emergency access at dates and times that cause the least amount of conflict with public recreational use of the facilities.

Off season and afterhours access shall be coordinated with and approved by the General Manager of Mount Sunapee and may be subject to a reasonable charge based on cost incurred by Mount Sunapee Ski Area for providing access service.

Construction material and heavy equipment access shall be by helicopter unless other arrangements have been made with the General Manager of Mount Sunapee. New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. shall notify the General Manager and the DRED Communications Technician II (the "State's Agent") prior to helicopter use.

Access contact – Jay Gamble, General Manager Mount Sunapee (603) 763-2356
Justin Bellen, Communications Technician II - DRED (603) 271-2214 ext. 304.

V. RENT - OTHER CONSIDERATION

The Lease shall be effective as of the date of execution by both Parties, provided, however, the initial term shall be for five (5) years and shall commence on the Commencement Date (as hereinafter defined) at which time rental payments shall commence and be due at a total annual rental of **Twenty Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00), subject to a Three Percent (3%) Annual Escalator**, to be paid in equal monthly installments on the first day of the month, in advance, to the State or to such other person, firm or place as the State may, from time to time, designate in writing at least thirty (30) days in advance of any rental payment date by notice given in accordance with Section XIX below. The Lease shall commence based upon the date the Lessee commences installation of the Facilities on the Property, or on the first day of January, 2012, whichever occurs first. In the event the date of commencing installation of the Facilities is determinative and such date falls between the 1st and 15th of

the month, the Lease shall commence on the 1st of that month and if such date falls between the 16th and 31st of the month, then the Lease shall commence on the 1st day of the following month (either of the foregoing or January 1, 2012, if applicable, being the "Commencement Date"). The Lessee shall provide written notice to the State of the date it commences installation of the Facilities on the Property. The State and the Lessee acknowledge and agree that initial rental payment(s) shall not actually be sent by the Lessee until thirty (30) days after the Commencement Date. By way of illustration of the preceding sentence, if the Commencement Date is January 1, the Lessee shall send to the State the rental payments for January 1 and February 1, by February 1.

If the Lease is renewed for successive 5-year term(s) pursuant to the provisions of the Lease herein, on every anniversary of the Commencement Date, the renewal term rent shall increase by three percent (3%) from the prior year's annual rental amount.

Rent payments shall be by check made payable to "Treasurer, The State of New Hampshire," delivered to Business Office, Department of Resources and Economic Development, PO Box 1856, Concord, NH 03302-1856, beginning on the Commencement Date (as described above), and monthly thereafter, throughout the term of the Lease. Upon agreement of the parties, the Lessee may pay rent by electronic funds transfer and in such event, the State agrees to provide to the Lessee bank routing information for such purpose upon request of the Lessee.

Prior to the Commencement Date, the State grants to the Lessee, its contractors, agents, employees and assigns, including a surveyor, a right of entry and license to enter upon the Property and to conduct site assessments and tests that the Lessee may reasonably deem appropriate in order to evaluate the Property for the Lessee's potential placement of attachment locations for antennas upon the State's tower as well as development of the Lessee's assigned area within the State's Equipment Room in the Summit Lodge. The Lessee shall take precautions to minimize the impact of any work on the Property. The Lessee must coordinate any entry or activity on the Property in advance with the State's Agent. The Lessee agrees to comply with all local, state and federal laws, rules and ordinances applicable to the work, and further agrees to exercise due care in the performance of all work on the Property. The Lessee shall be responsible for determining the location of all underground utilities prior to the commencement of any work. The Lessee, its contractors, agents, employees or assigns shall not make or cause to be made any governmental filings regarding the Property without the prior written consent of the State. Notwithstanding any other provisions in the Lease, the provisions of this Section shall survive the expiration or termination of the Lease. The Lessee shall restore the Property to its existing condition, reasonable wear and tear excepted, and shall indemnify and hold harmless the State from all loss, costs, injury or damage to persons including death, or property arising out of the Lessee's employees, agents, assigns or contractor's actions with respect to entry upon the Property pursuant to this right of entry. The Lessee shall continuously maintain in full force and effect a policy of Commercial General Liability insurance in amounts specified in Section XIII below, covering the Lessee's work and operations at the Property. The Lessee shall deliver to the State a certificate of insurance evidencing said coverage and naming the State as an additional insured prior to entering the Property.

The State agrees that the Lessee shall be entitled to connect its Facilities to the emergency backup power generator; the Lessee's sole cost for its use of the generator shall be its share of the cost of fuel, determined based on the percentage of power drawn by the Lessee's Facilities, compared with the power drawn by all other components and devices powered by the generator. The Lessee agrees to pay for the electricity use by their equipment at the prevailing rate and will be billed monthly/quarterly with payments made to the Mount Sunapee Ski Area c/o of the General Manager.

VI. TERM

Subject to the foregoing limited access and use license, the Lessee shall have and hold the Leased Premises for a term of five (5) years, commencing on Commencement Date and ending on the fifth (5th) anniversary of such date, unless sooner terminated in accordance with the provisions hereof.

The Lease may be extended for three (3) additional five (5) year terms, provided the Lessee has given notice in writing to the State of its intent to extend the Lease at least six (6) months prior to the expiration date of each term, subject to a review and renegotiation, if necessary to stay current with the fair market value, of the fee paid for consideration and the three percent (3%) annual escalator fee. Governor and Council approval shall be required for each five year (5) term extension.

VII. TAXES

The Lessee shall pay, in addition to any other payments provided hereunder, all taxes and all fees, assessments and other costs or expenses now or hereafter imposed by any government authority, directly in connection with the Lessee's equipment or use of the Leased Premises. In addition, the Lessee shall pay that portion, if any, of the personal property taxes or other taxes directly attributable to the Lessee's equipment. The Lessee shall pay any increase in real estate taxes levied against the Leased Premises and the Lessee's equipment directly attributable to the Lessee's use and occupancy of the Lease Premises. Pursuant to the application of RSA 72:23 I, which provides for taxation of certain State properties used or occupied by persons or entities other than the State.

The Lessee shall make payment of such taxes, fees, and assessments to the State or such government authority as has invoiced taxes, fees, and assessments, within thirty (30) days of the date of invoice. Failure of the Lessee to pay the duly assessed real estate and/or personal property taxes, fees and assessments when due shall be cause to terminate the Lease by the State provided written notice has been given the Lessee by the party assessing the tax and sixty (60) days have elapsed from the date of the receipt of notice by the Lessee and no payment has been made.

VIII. RIGHT TO LEASE - COMPLIANCE WITH LAW

The State represents that it has the full right, title, interest, power and authority to enter into

the Lease and provide for the Leased Premises for the term herein granted. The Lessee shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations in connection with the operation of the Lease.

IX. QUIET ENJOYMENT-INSPECTION

The Lessee, upon the payment of the rent herein provided, and upon the performance of all of the terms of the Lease, shall peaceably and quietly have, hold and enjoy the Leased Premises without any hindrance, disturbance, interference or interruption from the State or from any persons claiming by, through and under the State.

Provided however, the Lessee agrees that the State or any of its duly authorized agents may with reasonable notice to the Lessee, inspect any and all the Lessee Property located on the Leased Premises during usual business hours; and

The Lessee understands and hereby accepts that other leasehold tenants occupy the Property which may result in possible inconvenience when another lessee is doing work coincidentally onsite.

X. MUTUAL NON-INTERFERENCE - CONFLICTS WITH RECREATIONAL USERS

The Lessee agrees to install radio equipment of the type and frequency which will not cause measurable interference to the State, other lessees of the premises or neighboring landowners. In the event the equipment of the Lessee causes such interference, and after the State has notified the Lessee of such interference, the Lessee will take all steps necessary to correct and eliminate the interference. Continued interference problems caused by the equipment of the Lessee shall be just cause for termination of the Lease subject to the provisions of Section XXV.

The State agrees that the State and any other tenants of the Property who currently have or in the future take possession of the Property will be permitted to install only such radio equipment that is of the type and frequency which will not cause measurable interference to the Lessee. In the event any such equipment of the State or of another tenant at the Property causes such interference, the State will see that the interfering party takes all steps necessary to correct and eliminate the interference.

The State covenants and agrees that it will not permit or allow the erection, installation or construction of any buildings, or structures, on any portion of its remaining land at the Property that will shield or obstruct or otherwise interfere with the reception or transmitting of radio signals over the paths established by the Lessee; however, the Lessee agrees to comply with all reasonable requests in writing of the State or any of its agents as to particular situations which may arise to permit the erection, installation or construction of such structures. In no event however, shall the Lessee's compliance with such requests relieve the State of its obligation to see that the State or any other interfering party take all steps necessary to correct and eliminate any interference caused thereby. In addition, all

reasonable precautions will be taken by the Lessee to ensure that there will be no conflict with the State's use, which can include the public's use of the Property including, but not limited to, obstructing access to the Summit Lodge or viewpoints from the Summit Lodge.

XI. ASSIGNMENT/SUBLEASE

The Lessee may not assign or transfer its rights under the Lease or sublease any portion of the Leased Premises to any third party without the express written permission of the State.

However, the interest of the Lessee under the Lease may be freely assigned in the following cases: (1) in connection with the transfer of the FCC authorization to operate a wireless communication system, so that the name and identity of the holder of the interest of the Lessee hereunder can be consistent with the name and identity of the holder of said FCC authorization; and (2) to principals, affiliates, subsidiaries of its principals, in each case of the Lessee, or to any entity which acquires all or substantially all of the assets of the Lessee in the New Hampshire market by reason of a merger, acquisition or other business reorganization.

XII. COMMUNICATION SITE POLICY-TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

The Lease is granted subject to the State of New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development "Policy on Use and Management of Mountaintops for Communication Facilities" adopted November 7, 1989, and revised on January 1, 2014, a copy of which is attached herewith, made a part hereof, and is marked Exhibit "A".

All communications equipment and appurtenances shall be installed in compliance with the "State of New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development Technical Requirements for Use of Communication Sites" adopted June 30, 1995, and revised in February, 2014, a copy of which is attached herewith, made a part hereof, and is marked Exhibit "B".

XIII. INDEMNIFICATION-LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Lessee shall indemnify and save the State harmless from any and all costs, claims, loss, damage, damages, liability, demands and suits of any kind, by whomever brought, that may in whole or in part arise from or be caused by:

1. The operation, maintenance, use or occupation of the herein Leased Premises by the Lessee; or
2. The acts, omissions or gross negligence of the Lessee, its agents, officers, employees or permittees; or
3. The failure of the Lessee to observe and abide by any of the terms or conditions of the Lease or any applicable law, ordinance, rule, or regulation.

The obligation of the Lessee to so relieve the State shall continue during any period of

occupancy or of holding over by the Lessee, its agents, officers, employees or permittees, beyond the expiration or other termination of the Lease.

However, nothing in this paragraph shall require the Lessee to indemnify the State against the willful or negligent actions by the State.

The Lessee shall, during the full term of the Lease, at the expense of the Lessee, carry commercial general liability insurance providing either combined single limit of not less than two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) or not less than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) per person and Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) per occurrence which shall protect both the State and the Lessee against all claims for personal injury, death, and property damage and certificates thereof shall be delivered to the State within ten (10) days after the date of execution of the Lease, and thereafter at least thirty (30) days prior to expiration of the effective policy. The Lessee shall name the State as an additional insured on said insurance policy.

XIV. RISK OF LOSS - FIRE - CASUALTY

All property of every kind installed by the Lessee on the Leased Premises shall be at the sole risk of the Lessee and the State shall not be liable to the Lessee or any other person for any injury, loss, damage, or inconvenience occasioned by any cause whatsoever to said property. The Lessee shall be responsible for maintaining appropriate property insurance for its interest in the Leased Premises and property located thereon.

Should the existing equipment building on the Property be substantially damaged by fire, other casualty or act of God, then the State shall notify the Lessee as soon as it is able as to whether or not the State intends to rebuild the equipment building and the likely time frame within which the rebuilding would be accomplished. During such rebuilding the Lessee shall, at its option, have the right to erect suitable temporary structures to effectuate the broadcast of the signal of the Lessee. If the State elects not to rebuild the equipment building then the Lessee may, at its option, elect either to terminate the Lease or to rebuild on the same site, substitute structures of similar design and size as existed prior to the damage with the approval of the State, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

The State shall not be obligated to rebuild or replace any building wholly or substantially destroyed by fire, flood, weather event, act of God, or other casualty. The State shall not be liable to Lessee for any injury, loss, damage, or inconvenience occasioned by any cause whatsoever to the Property, including but not limited to any loss of income for any function, program or contract that may not take place for whatever reason due to an emergency or unforeseeable situation.

XV. INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE - COST

All improvements installed by the Lessee at the Property for its sole benefit shall be at the expense of the Lessee, and subject to prior written approval by the State. During the term of

the Lease, the Lessee will maintain such improvements installed by the Lessee on the Property in a safe and reasonable condition, and neat in appearance so as to minimize visual impact. The materials and design for the installation at the Property shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and approvals. The Lessee shall have all construction plans relating to the project at the Property approved by applicable federal, state and local governmental authorities having jurisdiction over construction and installation of cell facilities on the Property ("Governmental Authorities") prior to the commencement of such construction and installation.

It is understood and agreed that the ability of the Lessee to use the Property is contingent upon its obtaining, after the execution date of the Lease, all of the certificates, permits and other approvals that may be required by any Governmental Authority as well as a satisfactory building structural analysis, so as to permit the use by the Lessee of the Property as contemplated by the Lease. The State shall cooperate with the Lessee in its effort to obtain all required Governmental Authority approvals, and shall take no action which would adversely affect the status of the Property with respect to the proposed use thereof by the Lessee. In the event that any of such applications should be finally rejected or any certificate, permit, license or approval issued to the Lessee is canceled, expires, lapses, or is otherwise withdrawn or terminated by the relevant Governmental Authority, or, in the event that the Lessee determines that the Property site is no longer technically compatible for the use contemplated by the Lease, or that the Lessee, in its sole discretion, will be unable to use the Property for its intended purposes, the Lessee shall have the right to terminate the Lease subject to 90-day written notice to the State. Notice of the exercise by the Lessee of its right to terminate shall be given to the State in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, and shall be effective upon the mailing of such notice by the Lessee. All rental and electrical service payments paid or owed up to said termination date shall be made by the Lessee and retained by the State. Upon such termination, the Lease shall become null and void and, except as expressly provided in the Lease, the parties shall have no further obligations including the payment of money, to each other. The Lessee shall remove any and all of its property from the Property prior to termination of the Lease under this paragraph.

XVI. CONDITIONS - RENT ABATEMENT

The obligations of the Lessee hereunder, including the obligations to pay rent, are expressly conditioned upon and subject to the following:

- (a) The continued authorization of the Lessee to use the Facilities for the purposes intended by the Lessee pursuant to all necessary approvals from Governmental Authorities relating to such use; and
- (b) The continued retention by the State of good, clear, and marketable title to the Property underlying the Leased Premises, and such title remaining free from encumbrances and restrictions which would interfere with the use of the Leased Premises intended by the Lessee or would impair the ability of the Lessee to pledge the leasehold estate as collateral to secure debt financing.

If any of the foregoing conditions should fail to remain satisfied and the Lessee's equipment is decommissioned, the Lessee shall have no obligation to pay rent until such condition is once again satisfied or waived, and rent which would otherwise be due during the intervening time pending satisfaction of such condition is hereby excused and forgiven.

XVII. LEASE RUNNING WITH THE LAND

The covenants, terms, conditions, provisions and understandings in the Lease shall be construed as covenants running with the land and are binding upon and inure to the benefits of the respective successors and assigns of the parties herein.

XVIII. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

The Lease expresses the entire agreement between the parties, and supersedes all prior understandings.

XIX. NOTICES

All notices, demands, requests and other communications required by the Lease shall be in writing and shall be considered properly given if sent by United States registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, to:

(a) The State:

The State of New Hampshire
Department of Resources and Economic Development
P.O. Box 1856
Concord, New Hampshire 03302-1856
Attention: Jeffrey J. Rose, Commissioner (or duly appointed successor)

or at such other address of the State from time to time may have designated by written notice to the Lessee. Such notice shall be deemed properly given upon the posting in the United States mail.

(b) The Lessee:

NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
579 Tenney Mountain Highway
Plymouth, New Hampshire, 03264
Dena DeLucca, Vice President, Corporate & Member Services/CFO (or designee)

or at such other address as the Lessee from time to time may have designated by written notice to the State. Such notice shall be deemed properly given upon the posting in the United States mail.

XX. AMENDMENT - EXTENT OF INSTRUMENT - CHOICE OF LAWS - ETC.

The terms of the Lease may be modified or amended by written agreement between the Lessee and the State. The Lease, which may be executed in a number of counterparts each of which shall have been deemed an original but which shall constitute one and the same instrument is to be construed according to the laws of New Hampshire, is to take effect as a sealed instrument, is binding upon, inures to the benefits of, and shall be enforceable by the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

XXI. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

The Lease does not abridge or limit, nor shall it be interpreted as abridging or limiting the sovereign or official immunity to which the State and its representatives and agents are lawfully entitled.

XXII. SEVERABILITY

If any term of the Lease or any application thereof shall be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the Lease and any application of such term shall not be affected thereby.

XXIII. NO WAIVER OR BREACH

No assent, by either party, whether express or implied to a breach of a covenant, condition or obligation by the other party, shall act as a waiver of a right of action for damages as a result of such breach, or shall be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach of the covenant, condition or obligation.

XXIV. NOTICE OF LEASE

The State agrees to execute a Notice of the Lease Agreement, substantially in the form of that attached herewith as Exhibit "C", which the Lessee shall record with the appropriate recording officer. The date set forth in the Notice of Lease is for recording purposes only and bears no reference to commencement of either term or rent payments.

XXV. DEFAULT - THE LESSEE'S RIGHT TO CURE - TERMINATION - RESTORATION

In the event there is a default by the Lessee with respect to any of the provisions of the Lease or its obligations under it, including the payment of rent, the State shall give the Lessee written notice of such default. After receipt of such written notice, the Lessee shall have fifteen (15) days in which to cure any monetary default and thirty (30) days in which to cure any non-monetary default, provided the Lessee shall have such extended period as may be required beyond the thirty (30) days if the nature of the cure is such that it reasonably requires more than thirty (30) days whose length of time shall be agreed upon by the parties, and the Lessee commences the cure within the thirty (30) day period and thereafter continuously and diligently pursues the cure to completion. The State may not maintain any

action or effect any remedies for default against the Lessee unless and until the Lessee has failed to cure the same within the time periods provided in this paragraph. The failure of the Lessee to act to cure the default within the specified time periods shall be just cause for termination of the Lease.

The Lessee shall have the unilateral right to terminate the Lease at any time by giving ninety (90) day written notice to the State of the exercise by the Lessee of this option.

The Lessee, upon termination of the Lease, shall, within sixty (60) days of termination, remove all of its equipment, personal property and all fixtures from the Property and repair any damage caused by its use of the Leased Premises or the removal of its equipment, reasonable wear and tear excepted. If such time for removal causes the Lessee to remain on the Leased Premises after termination of the Lease, the Lessee shall pay rent at then-existing monthly rate or on the existing monthly pro rata basis if based upon a longer payment term, until such time as the removal of the equipment, personal property and all fixtures are completed.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused the Lease to be executed the day and year first above written.

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

By: _____
Jeffrey J. Rose
Commissioner

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF MERRIMACK

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____ 2014, by Jeffrey J. Rose, in his capacity as Commissioner of the Department of Resources and Economic Development.

NOTARY PUBLIC/JUSTICE OF PEACE
My Commission expires: _____

**NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC.**

By: _____
Dena L. DeLucca
Vice President, Corporate & Member
Services/CFO
Duly Authorized

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF GRAFTON

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____ 2014, by, Dena L. DeLucca in her capacity as Vice President, Corporate and Member Services/CFO of New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.

NOTARY PUBLIC/JUSTICE OF PEACE
My Commission expires: _____

Approved as to form, substance and execution

Date _____

By: _____

Brian Buonamano
Office of NH Attorney General

Approved by Governor and Council

Date _____

Agenda Item No. _____

The following Exhibits are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference:

- "A" The State of New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development Policy of Use and Management of Mountaintops for Communication Facilities
- "B" The State of New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development Technical Requirements for Use of Communication Sites
- "C" Notice of Lease
- "D" Equipment List
- "E" EDA Grant Amortization Table

EXHIBIT C

Notice of Lease

Notice of the following Lease is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 477, Sections 7 and 7-a:

LESSOR: **STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**, Department of Resources and Economic Development, having a mailing address of P.O. Box 1856, Concord, New Hampshire 03302-1856

LESSEE: **NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire and having its place of business at 579 Tenney Mountain Highway, Plymouth, New Hampshire 03264

DATE OF EXECUTION: _____

DESCRIPTION: Communications Lease at Mount Sunapee Ski Area, located in Mount Sunapee State Park – Newbury, NH

LEASED PREMISES

The STATE, for and in consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter contained and made on the part of LESSEE, does hereby grant, demise and LEASE to LESSEE:

- a. Certain space at the 150, 40, 70 and 75 foot band levels on the existing 160 foot communication tower;
- b. Certain floor space, not to exceed four (4) 19" equipment racks, in the basement of the Summit Building for the installation of equipment cabinets;
- c. The right to install and maintain non-overhead electric lines and cables from the communication tower to the Summit Building; and
- d. The right as appurtenant to the described facilities and in common with the others entitled thereto, to use the roadways and trails and ski lifts on the mountain, except as herein restricted, as a means of passing and repassing from New Hampshire Route 103 to the summit for the transportation of equipment and personnel in connection with the operation and maintenance of the facilities authorized herein.

TERM: Five (5) years

DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERM: January 1, 2012.

RIGHTS OF EXTENSION OR RENEWAL: Three (3) successive five (5) year terms

EXECUTED as an instrument under seal on the dates indicated below.

LESSOR:

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

By: _____
Jeffrey J. Rose
Commissioner

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF MERRIMACK

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 2014, by Jeffrey J. Rose, in his capacity as Commissioner of the Department of Resources and Economic Development.

NOTARY PUBLIC/JUSTICE OF PEACE
My Commission expires: _____

LESSEE:

**NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC**

By: _____
Dena L. DeLucca
Vice President, Corporate & Member
Services/CFO
Duly Authorized

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF GRAFTON

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____ 2014, by, Dena L. DeLucca in her capacity as Vice President, Corporate and Member Services/CFO of New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.

NOTARY PUBLIC/JUSTICE OF PEACE
My Commission expires: _____

EXHIBIT D

MT SUNAPEE TOWER SITE ANTENNA AND EQUIPMENT LIST FOR NHEC

11/10/2014

DISHES TOTAL OF THREE (3)

Reference	Dish 1	Dish 2	Dish 3
Description	To Kearsarge, Warner NH	To Ascutney Mtn, VT	To Sunapee Office
Quantity	One (1)	One (1)	One (1)
Type	6' high performance dish	6' high performance dish	3' high performance dish
Manufacturer	RFS	RFS	RFS
Model	SU6-107B	DA6-59BC	SU3-107A
Azimuth	66° T	295° T	328° T
Mounting location	45' CL on the East leg	70' CL on the NW leg	78 ft CL on the NW leg
Mount type	Pipe mount on tower leg	Pipe mount on tower leg	Pipe mount on tower leg
Leg Shield	Yes	Shares with Dish 3	Yes
Cable Type	RFS E105 Elliptical waveguide	RFS E60 Elliptical Waveguide	RFS E105 Elliptical Waveguide
Cable Dimension	1.3" x 0.8"	2.2" x 1.3"	1.3" x 0.8"
TX Power Out	29 dBm	32 dBm	29 dBm
ERP	66.8 dBm	67.7 dBm	58.8 dBm
TX/RX Frequency	11405.00 MHz/ 10915.00 MHz	6034.15 MHz/ 6286.19 MHz	10855.00 MHz/ 11345.00 MHz
FCC Call Sign	WQMI800	WQMI800	WQMI800

ANTENNA TOTAL OF ONE (1)

Reference	Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)
Quantity	One (1)
Type	Dipole
Manufacturer	Declbel
Model	DB-411-B
Dimension	113"
Azimuth	225° T
Mounting location	159' to tip on the S Leg
Mount type	3' side arm Pipe mount tower leg
Leg Shield	N
Cable Type	7/8" rigid coax
TX Power Out	10 W
ERP	36 W
TX/RX Frequency (MHz)	459.450 TX/RX
FCC Call Sign	WQQF425

EQUIPMENT CABINETS/RACKS**TOTAL OF THREE (3)**

Qty	Dimensions	Type	Floor level/ Reference	Description
2	24"x24"x80"	Rack	CAB 1.1	Primary Microwave Cabinet
	24"x24"x24"	Rack	CAB 1.2	Second Microwave Cabinet
1	24"x24"x80"	Rack	CAB 1.3	48VDC power system

OTHER EQUIPMENT

Type	Qty	Make/Model	Description	Location
Microwave	6	Ceragon/IP-10G	Microwave radios	CAB 1.1
	4	Ceragon/15HPA-1R-RFU	Microwave RF Amp High Power	CAB 1.1
	2	Ceragon/15HPA-1R-RFU	Microwave RF Amp High Power	CAB 1.2
Dehydrator	1	Andrew/MR050	Waveguide dehydrator	Wall Mounted
48 VDC power	1	C&D Technology/ Sageon Micro	48 VDC power system with eight (8) batteries	CAB 1.3
Site Monitor	1	NetGurdian/420	Monitors environmental and other site parameters	CAB 1.1
AMI Base	1	CalAmp/Viper SC	Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Base	CAB 1.2

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LEASE AGREEMENT

**NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
BELKNAP MOUNTAIN
BELKNAP MOUNTAIN STATE FOREST
GILFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

THIS LEASE AGREEMENT (the "Lease"), is made and entered into on this **First** day of **October**, **2012**, by and between the State of New Hampshire acting through its Department of Resources and Economic Development, having a mailing address of P.O. Box 1856, Concord, New Hampshire 03302-1856 ("the State"), under authority of RSA 227-H:9, and New Hampshire Electric Cooperative Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire and having its place of business at 579 Tenney Mountain Highway, Plymouth, New Hampshire 03264 (the "Lessee").

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2009, the State was awarded federal assistance in the form of a Department of Commerce – Economic Development Administration Grant ("EDA Grant"), not to exceed \$1,526,763, for the construction of repairs and upgrades to the State's wireless telecommunications infrastructure at four (4) of the State's mountaintop communication sites (Kearsarge Mountain, Belknap Mountain, Pitcher Mountain and Milan Hill), with a total of \$1,407,695.81 of the award being spent; and

WHEREAS, the twenty percent (20%) match required by the EDA Grant award, not to exceed \$381,690, was provided by the Lessee, with a total of \$351,923.91 being provided by the Lessee; and

WHEREAS, the Lessee is hereby entering into the Lease, and similar Leases at three (3) other state-owned mountaintop communication sites (Mount Sunapee, Kearsarge Mountain and Mount Washington) having a beginning base annual rent of \$24,000 for each site, subject to a 3% annual escalator (or 5% at Mt. Washington only) as outlined herein; and

WHEREAS, the State and the Lessee hereby agree that the non-payment of the annual rent payments required of the Lessee under the Lease, and the other three (3) Leases, shall act to amortize the \$351,923.91 match that was provided by the Lessee according to the "EDA Grant Amortization Table," attached herewith as Exhibit "D."

NOW, THEREFORE the State and the Lessee agree as follows:

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Lease is to provide for the use and possession by the Lessee of certain areas within and upon the real property and improvements thereon (the "Property") known as the top of Belknap Mountain, located in Belknap Mountain State Forest, according to the terms and conditions set forth below.

-WITNESSETH THAT-

I. LEASED PREMISES

the State, for and in consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter contained and made on the part of the Lessee, does hereby grant, demise and lease to the Lessee:

- a. Certain space at the recommended band levels if feasible on the new 180 foot communication tower located at the summit of Belknap Mountain, Belknap Mountain State Forest, Gilford, New Hampshire;
- b. Also certain floor space, not to exceed four (4) 19" equipment racks, in the Equipment Building for the installation of equipment cabinets;
- c. Also, the right to install and maintain non-overhead electric and telephone lines to the Equipment Building and antenna cables from the Equipment Building to the communication tower, and a communication tower/Equipment Building grounding system.
- d. Together with the right in common with the public and others entitled thereto to use the roadways and hiking trails on Belknap Mountain as a means of passing and repassing from the Town maintained portion of Belknap Mountain Road, via Belknap Mountain Carriage Road, to the summit for the transportation of equipment and personnel in connection with the installation, operation and maintenance of the authorized facilities.

The above described land and rights shall hereinafter be called the "Leased Premises."

No additional facilities shall be allowed without prior written permission of the State.

II. ENTRY AND USE OF LEASED PREMISES

The Lessee shall be permitted to enter and use the Leased Premises as a wireless communication site. The Lessee shall not be permitted to use the Leased Premises for any other purpose except by prior written approval of the State. The State shall have the right to request identification of any and all individuals representing the Lessee who seek access to the Property under the terms of the Lease and to deny access to the Property by certain individuals identified, if necessary.

III. AUTHORIZED FACILITIES

The Lessee is authorized to have the following facilities on the Property

- a. Antennas attached to the tower, in accordance with all applicable approvals from and requirements of federal, state and local authorities; and
- b. Conduits with electrical and telephone lines inside said conduits to be placed within the Equipment Building to said antennas and from their nearest available connection points to the Equipment Building; and
- c. The list of equipment located in the Equipment Building will be attached as Exhibit "E";

and

- d. Together with all lines, anchors, connections and such appurtenant and accessory devices as required for the transmission, reception, encryption and translation of voice and data signals by means of radio frequency energy (collectively, the "Facilities").

No additional facilities shall be allowed without written permission of the State, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

IV. ACCESS LIMITATION

Access to the Belknap Mountain Summit under bare ground conditions shall be via Belknap Mountain Carriage Road by wheeled passenger vehicle to the upper parking lot and then by foot via the hiking trail(s) to the summit. No wheeled or track vehicles are permitted on the hiking trails under bare ground conditions.

Belknap Mountain Carriage Road is not and shall not be winter maintained (i.e. no plowing, sanding or salting) and is closed to wheeled vehicle use from the lower gate to the parking lot when the road is snow covered. Snowmobile or track vehicle use is allowed under snow and frozen ground conditions.

Snowmobile or track vehicle access from the parking lot to the summit is allowed when adequate snow cover exists. Adequate snow cover is defined as that quantity and quality of snow that will allow safe travel without damage to the hiking trail or the forest environment.

Construction material and heavy equipment access shall be by helicopter weather conditions permitting. New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. shall provide 48-hour advanced notice to the DRED Communications Technician II, or designee (the "State's Agent") prior to helicopter use.

Access contact: Justin Bellen – Communications Technician II, at (603) 271-2214 ext 304.

V. RENT - OTHER CONSIDERATION

The Lease shall be effective as of the date of execution by both Parties, provided, however, the initial term shall be for five (5) years and shall commence on the Commencement Date (as hereinafter defined) at which time rental payments shall commence and be due at a total annual rental of **Twenty Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00), subject to a Three Percent (3%) Annual Escalator**, to be paid in equal monthly installments on the first day of the month, in advance, to the State or to such other person, firm or place as the State may, from time to time, designate in writing at least thirty (30) days in advance of any rental payment date by notice given in accordance with Section XIX below. The Lease shall commence based upon the date the Lessee commences installation of the Facilities on the Property, or on the first day of October, 2012, whichever occurs first. In the event the date of commencing installation of the Facilities is determinative and such date falls between the 1st and 15th of

the month, the Lease shall commence on the 1st of that month and if such date falls between the 16th and 31st of the month, then the Lease shall commence on the 1st day of the following month (either of the foregoing or October 1, 2012 if applicable, being the "Commencement Date"). The Lessee shall provide written notice to the State of the date it commences installation of the Facilities on the Property. The State and the Lessee acknowledge and agree that initial rental payment(s) shall not actually be sent by the Lessee until thirty (30) days after the Commencement Date. By way of illustration of the preceding sentence, if the Commencement Date is January 1, the Lessee shall send to the State the rental payments for January 1 and February 1, by February 1.

If the Lease is renewed for successive 5-year term(s) pursuant to the provisions of the Lease herein, on every anniversary of the Commencement Date, the renewal term rent shall increase by three percent (3%) from the prior year's annual rental amount.

Rent payment shall be by check made payable to "Treasurer, State of New Hampshire," delivered to Business Office, Department of Resources and Economic Development, PO Box 1856, Concord, NH 03302-1856, beginning on the Commencement Date (as described above), and monthly thereafter, throughout the term of the Lease. Upon agreement of the parties, the Lessee may pay rent by electronic funds transfer and in such event, the State agrees to provide to the Lessee bank routing information for such purpose upon request of the Lessee.

Prior to the Commencement Date, the State grants to the Lessee, its contractors, agents, employees and assigns, including a surveyor, a right of entry and license to enter upon the Property and to conduct site assessments and tests that the Lessee may reasonably deem appropriate in order to evaluate the Property for the Lessee's potential placement of attachment locations for antennas upon the State's tower as well as development of the Lessee's assigned area within the State's Equipment Building. The Lessee shall take precautions to minimize the impact of any work on the Property. The Lessee must coordinate any entry or activity on the Property in advance with the State's Agent. The Lessee agrees to comply with all local, state and federal laws, rules and ordinances applicable to the work, and further agrees to exercise due care in the performance of all work on the Property. The Lessee shall be responsible for determining the location of all underground utilities prior to the commencement of any work. The Lessee, its contractors, agents, employees or assigns shall not make or cause to be made any governmental filings regarding the Property without the prior written consent of the State. Notwithstanding any other provisions in the Lease, the provisions of this Section shall survive the expiration or termination of the Lease. The Lessee shall restore the Property to its existing condition, reasonable wear and tear excepted, and shall indemnify and hold harmless the State from all loss, costs, injury or damage to persons including death, or property arising out of the Lessee's employees, agents, assigns or contractor's actions with respect to entry upon the Property pursuant to this right of entry. The Lessee shall continuously maintain in full force and effect a policy of Commercial General Liability insurance in amounts specified in Section XIII below, covering the Lessee's work and operations at the Property. The Lessee shall deliver to the State a certificate of insurance evidencing said coverage and naming the State as an additional insured prior to entering the Property.

The State agrees that the Lessee shall be entitled to connect its Facilities to the emergency backup power generator; the Lessee's sole cost for its use of the generator shall be its share of the cost of fuel, determined based on the percentage of power drawn by the Lessee's Facilities, compared with the power drawn by all other components and devices powered by the generator. The Lessee agrees to pay for the electricity use by their equipment.

VI. TERM

Subject to the foregoing limited access and use license, the Lessee shall have and hold the Leased Premises for a term of five (5) years, commencing on Commencement Date and ending on the fifth (5th) anniversary of such date, unless sooner terminated in accordance with the provisions hereof.

The Lease may be extended for three (3) additional five (5) year terms, provided the Lessee has given notice in writing to the State of its intent to extend the Lease at least six (6) months prior to the expiration date of each term, subject to a review and renegotiation, if necessary to stay current with the fair market value, of the fee paid for consideration and the three percent (3%) annual escalator fee. Governor and Council approval shall be required for each five year (5) term extension. .

VII. TAXES

The Lessee shall pay, in addition to any other payments provided hereunder, all taxes and all fees, assessments and other costs or expenses now or hereafter imposed by any government authority, directly in connection with the Lessee's equipment or use of the Leased Premises. In addition, the Lessee shall pay that portion, if any, of the personal property taxes or other taxes directly attributable to the Lessee's equipment. The Lessee shall pay any increase in real estate taxes levied against the Leased Premises and the Lessee's equipment directly attributable to the Lessee's use and occupancy of the Lease Premises. Pursuant to the application of RSA 72:23 I, which provides for taxation of certain State properties used or occupied by persons or entities other than the State.

The Lessee shall make payment of such taxes, fees, and assessments to the State or such government authority as has invoiced taxes, fees, and assessments, within thirty (30) days of the date of invoice. Failure of the Lessee to pay the duly assessed real estate and/or personal property taxes, fees and assessments when due shall be cause to terminate the Lease by the State provided written notice has been given the Lessee by the party assessing the tax and sixty (60) days have elapsed from the date of the receipt of notice by the Lessee and no payment has been made.

VIII. RIGHT TO LEASE - COMPLIANCE WITH LAW

The State represents that it has the full right, title, interest, power and authority to enter into the Lease and to let the Leased Premises for the term herein granted. The Lessee shall

comply with all applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations in connection with the operation of the Lease.

IX. QUIET ENJOYMENT-INSPECTION

The Lessee, upon the payment of the rent herein provided, and upon the performance of all of the terms of the Lease, shall peaceably and quietly have, hold and enjoy the Leased Premises without any hindrance, disturbance, interference or interruption from the State or from any persons claiming by, through and under the State.

Provided however, the Lessee agrees that the State or any of its duly authorized agents may with reasonable notice to the Lessee, inspect any and all the Lessee Property located on the Leased Premises during usual business hours; and

The Lessee understands and hereby accepts that other leasehold tenants occupy the Property which may result in possible inconvenience when another lessee is doing work coincidentally onsite.

X. MUTUAL NON-INTERFERENCE - CONFLICTS WITH RECREATIONAL USERS

The Lessee agrees to install radio equipment of the type and frequency which will not cause measurable interference to the State, other lessees of the premises or neighboring landowners. In the event the equipment of the Lessee causes such interference, and after the State has notified the Lessee of such interference, the Lessee will take all steps necessary to correct and eliminate the interference. Continued interference problems caused by the equipment of the Lessee shall be just cause for termination of the Lease subject to the provisions of Section XXV.

The State agrees that the State and any other tenants of the Property who currently have or in the future take possession of the Property will be permitted to install only such radio equipment that is of the type and frequency which will not cause measurable interference to the Lessee. In the event any such equipment of the State or of another tenant at the Property causes such interference, the State will see that the interfering party takes all steps necessary to correct and eliminate the interference.

The State covenants and agrees that it will not permit or allow the erection, installation or construction of any buildings, or structures, on any portion of its remaining land at the Property that will shield or obstruct or otherwise interfere with the reception or transmitting of radio signals over the paths established by the Lessee; however, the Lessee agrees to comply with all reasonable requests in writing of the State or any of its agents as to particular situations which may arise to permit the erection, installation or construction of such structures. In no event however, shall the Lessee's compliance with such requests relieve the State of its obligation to see that the State or any other interfering party take all steps necessary to correct and eliminate any interference caused thereby. In addition, all

reasonable precautions will be taken by the Lessee to ensure that there will be no conflict with the State's use, which can include the public's use of the Property including, but not limited to, obstructing access to the summit or viewpoints from the summit.

XI. ASSIGNMENT/SUBLEASE

The Lessee may not assign or transfer its rights under the Lease or sublease any portion of the Leased Premises to any third party without the express written permission of the State.

However, the interest of the Lessee under the Lease may be freely assigned in the following cases: (1) in connection with the transfer of the FCC authorization to operate a wireless communication system, so that the name and identity of the holder of the interest of the Lessee hereunder can be consistent with the name and identity of the holder of said FCC authorization; and (2) to principals, affiliates, subsidiaries of its principals, in each case of the Lessee, or to any entity which acquires all or substantially all of the assets of the Lessee in the New Hampshire market by reason of a merger, acquisition or other business reorganization.

XII. COMMUNICATION SITE POLICY-TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

The Lease is granted subject to the State of New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development "Policy on Use and Management of Mountaintops for Communication Facilities" adopted November 7, 1989, and revised on January 1, 2014, a copy of which is attached herewith, made a part hereof, and is marked Exhibit "A".

All communications equipment and appurtenances shall be installed in compliance with the "State of New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development Technical Requirements for Use of Communication Sites" adopted June 30, 1995, and revised in February, 2014, a copy of which is attached herewith, made a part hereof, and is marked Exhibit "B".

XIII. INDEMNIFICATION-LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Lessee shall indemnify and save the State harmless from any and all costs, claims, loss, damage, damages, liability, demands and suits of any kind, by whomever brought, that may in whole or in part arise from or be caused by:

1. The operation, maintenance, use or occupation of the herein Leased Premises by the Lessee; or
2. The acts, omissions or gross negligence of the Lessee, its agents, officers, employees or permittees; or
3. The failure of the Lessee to observe and abide by any of the terms or conditions of the Lease or any applicable law, ordinance, rule, or regulation. The obligation of the Lessee to so relieve the State shall continue during any period of occupancy or of holding over by the Lessee, its agents, officers, employees or permittees, beyond the

expiration of other termination of the Lease.

However, nothing in this paragraph shall require the Lessee to indemnify the State against the willful or negligent actions by the State.

The Lessee shall, during the full term of the Lease, at the expense of the Lessee, carry commercial general liability insurance providing either combined single limit of not less than two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) or not less than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) per person and Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) per occurrence which shall protect both the State and the Lessee against all claims for personal injury, death, and property damage and certificates thereof shall be delivered to the State within ten (10) days after the date of execution of the Lease, and thereafter at least thirty (30) days prior to expiration of the effective policy. The Lessee shall name the State as an additional insured on said insurance policy.

XIV. RISK OF LOSS - FIRE - CASUALTY

All property of every kind installed by the Lessee on the Leased Premises shall be at the sole risk of the Lessee and the State shall not be liable to the Lessee or any other person for any injury, loss, damage, or inconvenience occasioned by any cause whatsoever to said property. The Lessee shall be responsible for maintaining appropriate property insurance for its interest in the Leased Premises and property located thereon.

Should the existing Equipment Building on the Property be substantially damaged by fire, other casualty or act of God, then the State shall notify the Lessee as soon as it is able as to whether or not the State intends to rebuild the Equipment Building and the likely time frame within which the rebuilding would be accomplished. During such rebuilding the Lessee shall, at its option, have the right to erect suitable temporary structures to effectuate the broadcast of the signal of the Lessee. If the State elects not to rebuild the Equipment Building then the Lessee may, at its option, elect either to terminate the Lease or to rebuild on the same site, substitute structures of similar design and size as existed prior to the damage with the approval of the State, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

The State shall not be obligated to rebuild or replace any building wholly or substantially destroyed by fire, flood, weather event, act of God, or other casualty. The State shall not be liable to Lessee for any injury, loss, damage, or inconvenience occasioned by any cause whatsoever to the Property, including but not limited to any loss of income for any function, program or contract that may not take place for whatever reason due to an emergency or unforeseeable situation.

XV. INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE - COST

All improvements installed by the Lessee at the Property for its sole benefit shall be at the expense of the Lessee, and subject to prior written approval by the State. During the term of the Lease, the Lessee will maintain such improvements installed by the Lessee on the

Property in a safe and reasonable condition, and neat in appearance so as to minimize visual impact. The materials and design for the installation at the Property shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and approvals. The Lessee shall have all construction plans relating to the project at the Property approved by applicable federal, state and local governmental authorities having jurisdiction over construction and installation of cell facilities on the Property ("Governmental Authorities") prior to the commencement of such construction and installation.

It is understood and agreed that the ability of the Lessee to use the Property is contingent upon its obtaining, after the execution date of the Lease, all of the certificates, permits and other approvals that may be required by any Governmental Authority as well as a satisfactory building structural analysis, so as to permit the use by the Lessee of the Property as contemplated by the Lease. The State shall cooperate with the Lessee in its effort to obtain all required Governmental Authority approvals, and shall take no action which would adversely affect the status of the Property with respect to the proposed use thereof by the Lessee. In the event that any of such applications should be finally rejected or any certificate, permit, license or approval issued to the Lessee is canceled, expires, lapses, or is otherwise withdrawn or terminated by the relevant Governmental Authority, or, in the event that the Lessee determines that the Property site is no longer technically compatible for the use contemplated by the Lease, or that the Lessee, in its sole discretion, will be unable to use the Property for its intended purposes, the Lessee shall have the right to terminate the Lease subject to 90-day written notice to the State. Notice of the exercise by the Lessee of its right to terminate shall be given to the State in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, and shall be effective upon the mailing of such notice by the Lessee. All rentals paid to said termination date shall be retained by the State. Upon such termination, the Lease shall become null and void and, except as expressly provided in the Lease, the parties shall have no further obligations including the payment of money, to each other. The Lessee shall remove any and all of its property from the Property prior to termination of the Lease under this paragraph.

XVI. CONDITIONS - RENT ABATEMENT

The obligations of the Lessee hereunder, including the obligations to pay rent, are expressly conditioned upon and subject to the following:

- (a) The continued authorization of the Lessee to use the Facilities for the purposes intended by the Lessee pursuant to all necessary approvals from Governmental Authorities relating to such use; and
- (b) The continued retention by the State of good, clear, and marketable title to the Property underlying the Leased Premises, and such title remaining free from encumbrances and restrictions which would interfere with the use of the Leased Premises intended by the Lessee or would impair the ability of the Lessee to pledge the leasehold estate as collateral to secure debt financing.

If any of the foregoing conditions should fail to remain satisfied, the Lessee shall have no obligation to pay rent until such condition is once again satisfied or waived, and rent which would otherwise be due during the intervening time pending satisfaction of such condition is hereby excused and forgiven.

XVII. LEASE RUNNING WITH THE LAND

The covenants, terms, conditions, provisions and understandings in the Lease shall be construed as covenants running with the land and are binding upon and inure to the benefits of the respective successors and assigns of the parties herein.

XVIII. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

The Lease expresses the entire agreement between the parties, and supersedes all prior understandings.

XIX. NOTICES

All notices, demands, requests and other communications required by the Lease shall be in writing and shall be considered properly given if sent by United States registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, to:

- (a) The State:
The State of New Hampshire
Department of Resources and Economic Development
P.O. Box 1856
Concord, New Hampshire 03302-1856
Attention: Jeffrey J. Rose, Commissioner (or duly appointed successor)

or at such other address of the State from time to time may have designated by written notice to the Lessee. Such notice shall be deemed properly given upon the posting in the United States mail.

- (b) The Lessee:
NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
579 Tenney Mountain Highway
Plymouth, New Hampshire, 03264
Dena DeLucca, Vice President, Corporate & Member Services/CFO (or designee)

or at such other address as the Lessee from time to time may have designated by written notice to the State. Such notice shall be deemed properly given upon the posting in the United States mail.

XX. AMENDMENT - EXTENT OF INSTRUMENT - CHOICE OF LAWS - ETC.

The terms of the Lease may be modified or amended by written agreement between the

Lessee and the State. The Lease, which may be executed in a number of counterparts each of which shall have been deemed an original but which shall constitute one and the same instrument is to be construed according to the laws of New Hampshire, is to take effect as a sealed instrument, is binding upon, inures to the benefits of, and shall be enforceable by the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

XXI. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

The Lease does not abridge or limit, nor shall it be interpreted as abridging or limiting the sovereign or official immunity to which the State and its representatives and agents are lawfully entitled.

XXII. SEVERABILITY

If any term of the Lease or any application thereof shall be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the Lease and any application of such term shall not be affected thereby.

XXIII. NO WAIVER OR BREACH

No assent, by either party, whether express or implied to a breach of a covenant, condition or obligation by the other party, shall act as a waiver of a right of action for damages as a result of such breach, or shall be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach of the covenant, condition or obligation.

XXIV. NOTICE OF LEASE

The State agrees to execute a Notice of the Lease Agreement, substantially in the form of that attached hereto as Exhibit "C", which the Lessee shall record with the appropriate recording officer. The date set forth in the Notice of Lease is for recording purposes only and bears no reference to commencement of either term or rent payments.

XXV. DEFAULT - THE LESSEE'S RIGHT TO CURE - TERMINATION - RESTORATION

In the event there is a default by the Lessee with respect to any of the provisions of the Lease or its obligations under it, including the payment of rent, the State shall give the Lessee written notice of such default. After receipt of such written notice, the Lessee shall have fifteen (15) days in which to cure any monetary default and thirty (30) days in which to cure any non-monetary default, provided the Lessee shall have such extended period as may be required beyond the thirty (30) days if the nature of the cure is such that it reasonably requires more than thirty (30) days whose length of time shall be agreed upon by the parties, and the Lessee commences the cure within the thirty (30) day period and thereafter continuously and diligently pursues the cure to completion. The State may not maintain any action or effect any remedies for default against the Lessee unless and until the Lessee has failed to cure the same within the time periods provided in this paragraph. The failure of the Lessee to act to cure the default within the specified time periods shall be just cause for

termination of the Lease.

The Lessee shall have the unilateral right to terminate the lease at any time by giving ninety (90) day written notice to the State of the exercise by the Lessee of this option.

The Lessee, upon termination of the Lease, shall, within sixty (60) days of termination, remove all of its equipment, personal property and all fixtures from the Property and repair any damage caused by its use of the Leased Premises or the removal of its equipment, reasonable wear and tear excepted. If such time for removal causes the Lessee to remain on the Leased Premises after termination of the Lease, the Lessee shall pay rent at then-existing monthly rate or on the existing monthly pro rata basis if based upon a longer payment term, until such time as the removal of the equipment, personal property and all fixtures are completed.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused the Lease to be executed the day and year first above written.

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

By: _____
Jeffrey J. Rose
Commissioner

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF MERRIMACK

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____ 2010, by Jeffrey J. Rose, in his capacity as Commissioner of the Department of Resources and Economic Development.

NOTARY PUBLIC/JUSTICE OF PEACE
My Commission expires: _____

**NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC.**

By: _____
Dena L. DeLucca
Vice President, Corporate & Member
Services/CFO
Duly Authorized

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF GRAFTON

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____ 2010, by, Dena L. DeLucca in her capacity as Vice President, Corporate and Member Services/CFO of NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

NOTARY PUBLIC/JUSTICE OF PEACE
My Commission expires: _____

Approved as to form, substance and execution

Date _____

By: _____

Brian Buonamano
Office of NH Attorney General

Approved by Governor and Council

Date _____

Agenda Item No. _____

The following Exhibits are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference:

- "A" State of New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development Policy of Use and Management of Mountaintops for Communication Facilities
- "B" State of New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development Technical Requirements for Use of Communication Sites
- "C" Notice of Lease
- "D" Equipment List
- "E" EDA Grant Amortization Table

EXHIBIT C

Notice of Lease

Notice of the following Lease is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 477, Sections 7 and 7-a:

LESSOR: **STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**, Department of Resources and Economic Development, having a mailing address of P.O. Box 1856, Concord, New Hampshire 03302-1856

LESSEE: **NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire and having its place of business at 579 Tenney Mountain Highway, Plymouth, New Hampshire 03264

DATE OF EXECUTION: _____

DESCRIPTION: Communications Lease at Belknap Mountain State Forest – Gilford, NH

LEASED PREMISES

The STATE, for and in consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter contained and made on the part of LESSEE, does hereby grant, demise and LEASE to LESSEE:

- a. Certain space at the recommended band levels if feasible on the new 180 foot communication tower
- b. Certain floor space, not to exceed four (4) 19” equipment racks, in the Equipment Building
- c. The right to install and maintain non-overhead electric and telephone lines to the Equipment Building and antenna cables from the Equipment Building to the communication tower, and a communication tower/Equipment Building grounding system.
- d. Together with the right in common with the public and others entitled thereto to use the roadways and hiking trails on Belknap Mountain as a means of access.

TERM: Five (5) years

DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERM: January 1, 2012.

RIGHTS OF EXTENSION OR RENEWAL: Three (3) successive five (5) year terms

EXECUTED as an instrument under seal on the dates indicated below.

LESSOR:

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

By: _____
Jeffrey J. Rose
Commissioner

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF MERRIMACK

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 2014, by Jeffrey J. Rose, in his capacity as Commissioner of the Department of Resources and Economic Development.

NOTARY PUBLIC/JUSTICE OF PEACE
My Commission expires: _____

LESSEE:

**NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC**

By: _____
Dena L. DeLucca
Vice President, Corporate & Member
Services/CFO
Duly Authorized

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF GRAFTON

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____ 2014, by, Dena L. DeLucca in her capacity as Vice President, Corporate and Member Services/CFO of New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.

NOTARY PUBLIC/JUSTICE OF PEACE
My Commission expires: _____

EXHIBIT D

MT BELKNAP TOWER SITE ANTENNA AND EQUIPMENT LIST FOR NHEC

11/10/2014

DISHES TOTAL OF FOUR (4)

Reference	Dish 1	Dish 2	Dish 3	Dish 4
Description	To Wakefield NH	To Mt Prospect, Alton NH	To Gilman Hill, Meredith NH	To Catamount Mtn, Pittsfield NH
Quantity	One (1)	One (1)	One (1)	One (1)
Type	8' high performance dish	6' high performance dish	6' high perf, dual polarization dish	8' high performance dish
Manufacturer	RFS	RFS	RFS	RFS
Model	DA8-107A	SU6-107B	SUX6-107B	DA8-59A
Azimuth	67° T	131° T	333° T	167° T
Mounting location	48' CL on the E leg	60' CL across S and E face	72' CL on the NW leg	68' CL on the S leg
Mount type	Pipe mount	Pipe mount	Pipe mount	Pipe mount
Ice Shield	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cable Type	RFS E105 Elliptical waveguide	RFS E105 Elliptical waveguide	RFS E105 Elliptical waveguide X 2	RFS E60 Elliptical waveguide
TX Power Out	29 dBm	29 dBm	29 dBm	32 dBm
ERP	72.7 dBm	67.2 dBm	69.0 dBm per path	71.7 dBm
TX/RX Frequency & Polarization	11245.00 MHz/ 10755.00 MHz V	11285.00 MHz/ 10795.00 MHz V	11325.00 MHz/ 10835.00 MHz V 11365.00 MHz/ 10875.00 MHz H	6197.24 MHz/ 5945.20 MHz V
FCC Call Sign	WQMI774	WQMI774	WQMI774	WQMI774

ANTENNA TOTAL OF FIVE (5)

Reference	Land Mobile Radio (LMR)	Load Management (LM)	Advance Metering Infrastructure (AMI)	GPS Receiver
Quantity	Two (2)	One (1)	One (1)	One (1)
Type	Grid panel antenna	Whip	Whip	GPS
Manufacturer	Kathrein Scala	RFS	Decibel	Spectrum Instruments
Model	K523221	PD-220	DB-633	60015-001
Dimension	52"x52"x27"	180" x 2"	57"x2"	3.9" x 3.4" H x W
Azimuth	155° T	Omni	Omni	Omni
Mounting location	60' CL (TX) 90' CL (RX) Both on S Leg	115' at base E Leg	80' at base NW leg	Ice bridge
Mount type	Mounted to tower leg	T-Frame mount	T-Frame mount	Pipe mount
Ice Shield	Y	N	N	N/A
Cable type	7/8" rigid coax X 2	7/8" rigid coax	7/8" rigid coax	½" rigid coax
TX Power Out	Set to 45W per TX	100 W	10W	N/A
ERP	22.3 W per TX	400 W	15W	N/A

TX/RX Frequency (MHz)	1) 152.5775 / 157.8375	154.46375 (TX only)	459.200 (TX&RX)	1575.00 RX only
	2) 152.5325 / 157.7925			
	3) 153.1925 / 158.2725			
	4) 153.2075 / 160.0425			
FCC Call Sign	1) WQQQ903	WNQT214	WQQF422	N/A
	2) WQQQ902			
	3) WQSH881			
	4) WQSH881			

EQUIPMENT CABINETS/RACKS TOTAL OF SIX (6)

QTY	Dimensions	Type	Reference	Description
1	24"x24"x80"	Cabinet	CAB 1.1	Advanced Metering Infrastructure & Load Management
1	24"x24"x80"	Cabinet	CAB 1.2	Microwave cabinet #1
1	24"x24"x80"	Cabinet	CAB 1.3	Microwave cabinet #2
1	24"x24"x80"	Rack	CAB 2.1	48VDC power system w/batteries
1	24"x24"x80"	Cabinet	CAB 2.2	Land Mobile Radio (LMR)
1	24"x24"x80"	Rack	CAB 2.3	Land Mobile Radio TX/RX Combiner/Multicoupler

HOUSED EQUIPMENT

Type	Qty	Make/Model	Description	Location
AMI Base	1	CalAmp/Viper SC	Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Base	CAB 1.1
Load Management	1	CODAN/AN1300	Load Management TX	CAB 1.1
	1	Zetron/Model 66	TX controller	
	1	Spectrum/TM-4	GPS Receiver	
	1	CONVEX/ADL	Auto Delay Line for simulcast	
Microwave	6	Ceragon/IP-10G	Microwave radios	CAB 1.2
	4	Ceragon/15HPA-1R-RFU	Microwave RF Amp High Power	CAB 1.2
	2	Ceragon/15HPA-1R-RFU	Microwave RF Amp High Power	CAB 1.3
	1	Adtran/Atlas 550	T1 Integrated Access Device	CAB 1.2
Site Monitor	1	NetGuardian/420	Remote monitoring system	CAB 1.2
48 VDC Power Supply	4	C&D Technology/	48 VDC power system with 16 batteries	CAB 2.1
	4	Sageon Micro		
Land Mobile Radio (LMR)	4	Motorola/MTR300	Repeaters for LMR System	CAB 2.2
	2	Motorola/XPR-4550	FCC required monitor RX	
	2	Motorola/XRC-9000	Trunking site controller	
VHF combiner/multicoupler	1	TX RX Systems	TX Combiner and RX multicoupler for LMR	CAB 2.3
Dehydrator	1	Andrew/MR050	Waveguide dehydrator	Wall mount

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LEASE AGREEMENT

NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
MOUNT WASHINGTON
MOUNT WASHINGTON STATE PARK
SARGEANTS PURCHASE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

THE LEASE AGREEMENT (the "Lease"), is made and entered into on this **First** day of **October, 2012**, by and between the State of New Hampshire acting through its Department of Resources and Economic Development, having a mailing address of P.O. Box 1856, Concord, New Hampshire 03302-1856 (the "State"), under authority of RSA 227-H:9, and New Hampshire Electric Cooperative Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire and having its place of business at 579 Tenney Mountain Highway, Plymouth, New Hampshire 03264 (the "Lessee").

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2009, the State was awarded federal assistance in the form of a Department of Commerce – Economic Development Administration Grant ("EDA Grant"), not to exceed \$1,526,763, for the construction of repairs and upgrades to the State's wireless telecommunications infrastructure at four (4) of the State's mountaintop communication sites (Kearsarge Mountain, Belknap Mountain, Pitcher Mountain and Milan Hill), with a total of \$1,407,695.81 of the award being spent; and

WHEREAS, the twenty percent (20%) match required by the EDA Grant award, not to exceed \$381,690, was provided by the Lessee, with a total of \$351,923.91 being provided by the Lessee; and

WHEREAS, the Lessee is hereby entering into the Lease, and similar Leases at three (3) other state-owned mountaintop communication sites (Mount Sunapee, Belknap Mountain and Kearsarge Mountain) having a beginning base annual rent of \$24,000 for each site, subject to a 5% annual escalator as outlined herein; and

WHEREAS, the State and the Lessee hereby agree that the non-payment of the annual rent payments required of the Lessee under the Lease, and the other three (3) Leases, shall act to amortize the \$351,923.91 match that was provided by the Lessee according to the "EDA Grant Amortization Table," attached herewith as Exhibit "E".

NOW, THEREFORE the State and the Lessee agree as follows:

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Lease is to provide for the use and possession by the Lessee of certain areas within and upon the real property and improvements thereon (the "Property") known as the summit of Mount Washington, located in Mount Washington State Park, Sargent's Purchase, County of Coos, State of New Hampshire, according to the terms and conditions set forth below.

-WITNESSETH THAT-

I. LEASED PREMISES

The State, for and in consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter contained and made on the part of the Lease, does hereby grant, demise, and lease to the Lessee:

- a. Certain space, as designated by the State in consultation with the Lessee, for antennas on the summit of Mount Washington, Sargent's Purchase, State of New Hampshire, for receiving and transmitting microwave and radio signals, to include the equipment included in Exhibit "D"; and
- b. Also two (2) microwave dishes, mounted on Alford Tower after modification recommended to the Lessee by the structural engineer, All Points Technology Corporation, P.C. in a letter report and plan dated October 8, 2010, have been made and two (2) microwave dishes mounted on the Yankee Building; and
- c. Together, with space in the first and second floor of the Yankee Building as described in Exhibit "D".

The above described land and rights shall hereinafter be called the "Leased Premises".

No additional facilities shall be allowed without prior written permission of the State.

II. ENTRY AND USE OF LEASED PREMISES

The Lessee shall be permitted to enter and use the Leased Premises as a wireless communication site. The Lessee shall not be permitted to use the Leased Premises for any other purpose except by prior written approval of the State. The State shall have the right to request identification of any and all individuals representing the Lessee who seek access to the Property under the terms of this Lease and to deny access to the Property by certain individuals identified, if necessary.

III. AUTHORIZED FACILITIES

The Lessee is authorized to have the following facilities on the Property:

- a. Antennas attached to the tower, in accordance with all applicable approvals from and requirements of federal, state and local authorities; and
- b. Conduits with electrical and telephone lines inside said conduits to be placed within the Yankee Building to said antennas and from their nearest available connection points to the Yankee Building; and
- c. The list of equipment located in the Yankee Building will be attached herewith as Exhibit "D"; and
- d. Together with all lines, anchors, connections and such appurtenant and accessory devices as required for the transmission, reception, encryption and translation of voice and data signals by means of radio frequency energy (collectively, the "Facilities").

No additional facilities shall be allowed without written permission of the State, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

IV. ACCESS LIMITATION

Access to the Property and/or Leased Premises during the summer season shall be coordinated with the State and shall be at the Lessee's own expense. The Lessee, to the greatest extent possible, shall schedule non-emergency access at dates and times that cause the least amount of conflict with the public recreational use of the Property. Where possible, at its sole discretion and if space permits, the State will endeavor to provide the Lessee with transport on scheduled State transportation free of charge.

The State shall provide the Lessee with transportation during the winter season on an "available space" basis. Trips scheduled during normal shift changes shall be at a rate of \$100.00 per seat. For unscheduled or emergency trips, the Lessee shall pay \$500 per trip, plus \$50.00 per hour for stand-by labor. The State, at its sole discretion, may waive these fees if it deems appropriate.

Access contact:

Michael Pelchat, MWSP Manager (or successor) (603) 466-3347
Justin Bellen – Communications Technician II (the "State's Agent"), at
(603) 271-2214 ext. 304.

V. RENT - OR CONSIDERATION

The Lease shall be effective as of the date of execution by both Parties, provided, however, the initial term shall be for five (5) years and shall commence on the Commencement Date (as hereinafter defined) at which time rental payments shall commence and be due at a total annual rental of **Twenty Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000.00), subject to a Five Percent (5%) Annual Escalator**, to be paid in equal monthly installments on the first day of the month, in advance, to the State or to such other person, firm or place as the State may, from time to time, designate in writing at least thirty (30) days in advance of any rental payment date by notice given in accordance with Section XIX below. The Lease shall commence based upon the date the Lessee commences installation of the Facilities on the Property, or on the first day of October, 2012, whichever occurs first. In the event the date of commencing installation of the Facilities is determinative and such date falls between the 1st and 15th of the month, the Lease shall commence on the 1st of that month and if such date falls between the 16th and 31st of the month, then the Lease shall commence on the 1st day of the following month (either of the foregoing or October 1, 2012, if applicable, being the "Commencement Date"). The Lessee shall provide written notice to the State of the date it commences installation of the Facilities on the Property. The State and the Lessee acknowledge and agree that initial rental payment(s) shall not actually be sent by the Lessee until thirty (30) days after the Commencement Date. By way of illustration of the preceding sentence, if the Commencement Date is January 1, the Lessee shall send to the State the rental payments for January 1 and February 1, by February 1.

If the Lease is renewed for successive 5-year term(s) pursuant to the provisions of the Lease herein, on every anniversary of the Commencement Date, the renewal term rent shall increase by five percent (5%) from the prior year's annual rental amount.

Rent payment shall be by check made payable to "Treasurer, State of New Hampshire," delivered to Business Office, Department of Resources and Economic Development, PO Box 1856, Concord, NH 03302-1856, beginning on the Commencement Date (as described above), and monthly thereafter, throughout the term of this Lease. Upon agreement of the parties, the Lessee may pay rent by electronic funds transfer and in such event, the State agrees to provide to the Lessee bank routing information for such purpose upon request of the Lessee.

Prior to the Commencement Date, the State grants to the Lessee, its contractors, agents, employees and assigns, including a surveyor, a right of entry and license to enter upon the Property and to conduct site assessments and tests that the Lessee may reasonably deem appropriate in order to evaluate the Property for the Lessee's potential placement of attachment locations for antennas upon the State's tower as well as development of the Lessee's assigned area within the State's Yankee Building. The Lessee shall take precautions to minimize the impact of any work on the Property. The Lessee must coordinate any entry or activity on the Property in advance with the State's Agent. the Lessee agrees to comply with all local, state and federal laws, rules and ordinances applicable to the work, and further agrees to exercise due care in the performance of all work on the Property. The Lessee shall be responsible for determining the location of all underground utilities prior to the commencement of any work. the Lessee, its contractors, agents, employees or assigns shall not make or cause to be made any governmental filings regarding the Property without the prior written consent of the State. Notwithstanding any other provisions in this Agreement, the provisions of this Section shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement. The Lessee shall restore the Property to its existing condition, reasonable wear and tear excepted, and shall indemnify and hold harmless the State from all loss, costs, injury or damage to persons including death, or property arising out of the Lessee's employees, agents, assigns or contractor's actions with respect to entry upon the Property pursuant to this right of entry. The Lessee shall continuously maintain in full force and affect a policy of Commercial General Liability insurance in amounts specified in Section XIII below, covering the Lessee's work and operations at the Property. The Lessee shall deliver to the State a certificate of insurance evidencing said coverage and naming the State as an additional insured prior to entering the Property.

During the term hereof the Lessee shall pay for all electricity and heat for the Leased Premises each year. Electricity and heat will be invoiced by the State on or around the 27th of each month of the Lease Term. Payment shall be due to the State within thirty (30) days of the date of the State's invoice. The State will review annual rates after the first of the year and said rates will be set and effective by March 1st of each year of the Lease Term for the forthcoming year. Nonpayment and/or three late payments of utilities by the Lessee shall constitute a material breach of contract.

VI. TERM

Subject to the foregoing limited access and use license, the Lessee shall have and hold the Leased Premises for a term of five (5) years, commencing on Commencement Date and ending on the fifth (5th) anniversary of such date, unless sooner terminated in accordance with the provisions hereof.

The Lease may be extended for three (3) additional five (5) year terms, provided the Lessee has given notice in writing to the State of its intent to extend the Lease at least six (6) months prior to the expiration date of each term, subject to a review and renegotiation, if necessary to stay current with the fair market value, of the fee paid for consideration and the annual five per cent (5%) escalator fee. Governor and Council approval is required for each five-year (5) term extension.

VII. TAXES

The Lessee shall pay, in addition to any other payments provided hereunder, all taxes and all fees, assessments and other costs or expenses now or hereafter imposed by any government authority, directly in connection with the Lessee's equipment or use of the Leased Premises. In addition, the Lessee shall pay that portion, if any, of the personal property taxes or other taxes directly attributable to the Lessee's equipment. The Lessee shall pay any increase in real estate taxes levied against the Leased Premises and the Lessee's equipment directly attributable to the Lessee's use and occupancy of the Leased Premises. Pursuant to the application of RSA 72:23 I, which provides for taxation of certain State properties used or occupied by persons or entities other than the State.

The Lessee shall make payment of such taxes, fees, and assessments to State or such government authority as has invoiced taxes, fees, and assessments, within thirty (30) days of the date of invoice. Failure of the Lessee to pay the duly assessed real estate and/or personal property taxes, fees and assessments when due shall be cause to terminate the Lease by the State provided written notice has been given the Lessee by the party assessing the tax and sixty days have elapsed from the date of the receipt of notice by the Lessee and no payment has been made.

VIII. RIGHT TO LEASE - COMPLIANCE WITH LAW

The State represents that it has the full right, title, interest, power and authority to enter into the Lease and provide for the Leased Premises for the term herein granted. The Lessee shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations in connection with the operation of the Lease.

IX. QUIET ENJOYMENT-INSPECTION

The Lessee, upon the payment of the rent herein provided, and upon the performance of all of the terms of the Lease, shall peaceably and quietly have, hold and enjoy the Leased Premises

without any hindrance, disturbance, interference or interruption from the State or from any persons claiming by, through and under the State.

Provided however, the Lessee agrees that the State or any of its duly authorized agents may with reasonable notice to the Lessee, inspect any and all the Lessee Property located on the Leased Premises during usual business hours; and

The Lessee understands and hereby accepts that other leasehold tenants occupy the Property which may result in possible inconvenience when another lessee is doing work coincidentally onsite.

X. MUTUAL NON-INTERFERENCE - CONFLICTS WITH RECREATIONAL USERS

The Lessee agrees to install radio equipment of the type and frequency which will not cause measurable interference to the State, other lessees of the premises or neighboring landowners. In the event the equipment of the Lessee causes such interference, and after the State has notified the Lessee of such interference, the Lessee will take all steps necessary to correct and eliminate the interference. Continued interference problems caused by the equipment of the Lessee shall be just cause for termination of the Lease subject to the provisions of Section XXV.

The State agrees that the State and any other tenants of the Property who currently have or in the future take possession of the Property will be permitted to install only such radio equipment that is of the type and frequency which will not cause measurable interference to the Lessee. In the event any such equipment of the State or of another tenant at the Property causes such interference, the State will see that the interfering party takes all steps necessary to correct and eliminate the interference.

The State covenants and agrees that it will not permit or allow the erection, installation or construction of any buildings, or structures, on any portion of its remaining land at the Property that will shield or obstruct or otherwise interfere with the reception or transmitting of radio signals over the paths established by the Lessee. However, the Lessee agrees to comply with any reasonable requests made by the State or any of its agents as to particular unanticipated situations which may arise to enable the State or its other tenants to erect, install or construct the erection, installation or construction of such structures. In no event however, shall the Lessee's compliance with such requests relieve the State of its obligation to see that the State or any other interfering party take all steps necessary to correct and eliminate any interference caused thereby. In addition, all reasonable precautions will be taken by the Lessee to ensure that there will be no conflict with the State's use, which can include the public's use of the Property including, but not limited to, obstructing access to the summit or viewpoints from the summit.

XI. ASSIGNMENT/SUBLEASE

The Lessee may not assign or transfer its rights under the Lease or sublease any portion of the

Leased Premises to any third party without the express written permission of the State.

However, the interest of the Lessee under the Lease may be freely assigned in the following cases: (1) in connection with the transfer of the FCC authorization to operate a wireless communication system, so that the name and identity of the holder of the interest of the Lessee hereunder can be consistent with the name and identity of the holder of said FCC authorization; and (2) to principals, affiliates, subsidiaries of its principals, in each case of the Lessee, or to any entity which acquires all or substantially all of the assets of the Lessee in the New Hampshire market by reason of a merger, acquisition or other business reorganization.

XII. COMMUNICATION SITE POLICY-TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

The Lease is granted subject to the State of New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development "Policy on Use and Management of Mountaintops for Communication Facilities" adopted November 7, 1989, and revised on January 1, 2014, a copy of which is attached herewith, made a part hereof, and is marked Exhibit "A".

All communications equipment and appurtenances shall be installed in compliance with the "State of New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development Technical Requirements for Use of Communication Sites" adopted June 30, 1995, and revised in February, 2014, a copy of which is attached herewith, made a part hereof, and is marked Exhibit "B".

XIII. INDEMNIFICATION-LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Lessee shall indemnify and save the State harmless from any and all costs, claims, loss, damage, damages, liability, demands and suits of any kind, by whomever brought, that may in whole or in part arise from or be caused by:

1. The operation, maintenance, use or occupation of the herein Leased Premises by the Lessee; or
2. The acts, omissions or gross negligence of the Lessee, its agents, officers, employees or permittees; or
3. The failure of the Lessee to observe and abide by any of the terms or conditions of the Lease or any applicable law, ordinance, rule, or regulation.

The obligation of the Lessee to so relieve the State shall continue during any period of occupancy or of holding over by the Lessee, its agents, officers, employees or permittees, beyond the expiration or other termination of the Lease.

However, nothing in this paragraph shall require the Lessee to indemnify the State against the willful or negligent actions by the State.

The Lessee shall, during the full term of the Lease, at the expense of the Lessee, carry

commercial general liability insurance providing either combined single limit of not less than two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) or not less than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) per person and Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) per occurrence which shall protect both the State and the Lessee against all claims for personal injury, death, and property damage and certificates thereof shall be delivered to the State within ten (10) days after the date of execution of the Lease, and thereafter at least thirty (30) days prior to expiration of the effective policy. The Lessee shall name the State as an additional insured on said insurance policy.

XIV. RISK OF LOSS - FIRE - CASUALTY

All property of every kind installed by the Lessee on the Leased Premises shall be at the sole risk of the Lessee and the State shall not be liable to the Lessee or any other person for any injury, loss, damage, or inconvenience occasioned by any cause whatsoever to said property. The Lessee shall be responsible for maintaining appropriate property insurance for its interest in the Leased Premises and property located thereon.

Should the existing Yankee Building on the Property be substantially damaged by fire, other casualty or act of God, then the State shall notify the Lessee as soon as it is able as to whether or not the State intends to rebuild the Yankee Building and the likely time frame within which the rebuilding would be accomplished. During such rebuilding the Lessee shall, at its option, have the right to erect suitable temporary structures to effectuate the broadcast of the signal of the Lessee. If the State elects not to rebuild the Yankee Building then the Lessee may, at its option, elect either to terminate the Lease or to rebuild on the same site, substitute structures of similar design and size as existed prior to the damage with the approval of the State, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

The State shall not be obligated to rebuild or replace any building wholly or substantially destroyed by fire, flood, weather event, act of God, or other casualty. The State shall not be liable to Lessee for any injury, loss, damage, or inconvenience occasioned by any cause whatsoever to the Property, including but not limited to any loss of income for any function, program or contract that may not take place for whatever reason due to an emergency or unforeseeable situation.

XV. INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE - COST

All improvements installed by the Lessee at the Property for its sole benefit shall be at the expense of the Lessee, and subject to prior written approval by the State. During the term of the Lease, the Lessee will maintain such improvements installed by the Lessee on the Property in a safe and reasonable condition, and neat in appearance so as to minimize visual impact. The materials and design for the installation at the Property shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and approvals. The Lessee shall have all construction plans relating to the project at the Property approved by applicable federal, state and local governmental authorities having jurisdiction over construction and installation of

cell facilities on the Property ("Governmental Authorities") prior to the commencement of such construction and installation.

It is understood and agreed that the ability of the Lessee to use the Property is contingent upon its obtaining, after the execution date of the Lease, all of the certificates, permits and other approvals that may be required by any Governmental Authority as well as a satisfactory building structural analysis, so as to permit the use by the Lessee of the Property as contemplated by the Lease. The State shall cooperate with the Lessee in its effort to obtain all required Governmental Authority approvals, and shall take no action which would adversely affect the status of the Property with respect to the proposed use thereof by the Lessee. In the event that any of such applications should be finally rejected or any certificate, permit, license or approval issued to the Lessee is canceled, expires, lapses, or is otherwise withdrawn or terminated by the relevant Governmental Authority, or, in the event that the Lessee determines that the Property site is no longer technically compatible for the use contemplated by the Lease, or that the Lessee, in its sole discretion, will be unable to use the Property for its intended purposes, the Lessee shall have the right to terminate the Lease subject to 90-day written notice to the State. Notice of the exercise by the Lessee of its right to terminate shall be given to the State in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, and shall be effective upon the mailing of such notice by the Lessee. All rental and electrical service payments paid or owed up to said termination date shall be made by the Lessee and retained by the State. Upon such termination, the Lease shall become null and void and, except as expressly provided in the Lease, the parties shall have no further obligations including the payment of money, to each other. The Lessee shall remove any and all of its property from the Property prior to termination of the Lease under this paragraph.

XVI. CONDITIONS - RENT ABATEMENT

The obligations of the Lessee hereunder, including the obligations to pay rent, are expressly conditioned upon and subject to the following:

- (a) The continued authorization of the Lessee to use the Facilities for the purposes intended by the Lessee pursuant to all necessary approvals from Governmental Authorities relating to such use; and
- (b) The continued retention by the State of good, clear, and marketable title to the Property underlying the Leased Premises, and such title remaining free from encumbrances and restrictions which would interfere with the use of the Leased Premises intended by the Lessee or would impair the ability of the Lessee to pledge the leasehold estate as collateral to secure debt financing.

If any of the foregoing conditions should fail to remain satisfied and the Lessee's equipment is decommissioned, the Lessee shall have no obligation to pay rent until such condition is once again satisfied or waived, and rent which would otherwise be due during the intervening time pending satisfaction of such condition is hereby excused and forgiven.

XVII. LEASE RUNNING WITH THE LAND

The covenants, terms, conditions, provisions and understandings in the Lease shall be construed as covenants running with the land and are binding upon and inure to the benefits of the respective successors and assigns of the parties herein.

XVIII. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

The Lease expresses the entire agreement between the parties, and supersedes all prior understandings.

XIX. NOTICES

All notices, demands, requests and other communications required by the Lease shall be in writing and shall be considered properly given if sent by United States registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, to:

- (a) The State:
The State of New Hampshire
Department of Resources and Economic Development
P.O. Box 1856
Concord, New Hampshire 03302-1856
Attention: Jeffrey J. Rose, Commissioner (or duly appointed successor)

or at such other address of the State from time to time may have designated by written notice to the Lessee. Such notice shall be deemed properly given upon the posting in the United States mail.

- (b) The Lessee:
NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
579 Tenney Mountain Highway
Plymouth, New Hampshire, 03264
Dena DeLuca, Vice President, Corporate & Member Services/CFO (or designee)

or at such other address as the Lessee from time to time may have designated by written notice to the State. Such notice shall be deemed properly given upon the posting in the United States mail.

XX. AMENDMENT - EXTENT OF INSTRUMENT - CHOICE OF LAWS - ETC.

The terms of the Lease may be modified or amended by written agreement between the Lessee and the State. The Lease, which may be executed in a number of counterparts each of which shall have been deemed an original but which shall constitute one and the same instrument is to be construed according to the laws of New Hampshire, is to take effect as a sealed instrument, is binding upon, inures to the benefits of, and shall be enforceable by the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.

XXI. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

The Lease does not abridge or limit, nor shall it be interpreted as abridging or limiting the sovereign or official immunity to which the State and its representatives and agents are lawfully entitled.

XXII. SEVERABILITY

If any term of the Lease or any application thereof shall be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the Lease and any application of such term shall not be affected thereby.

XXIII. NO WAIVER OR BREACH

No assent, by either party, whether express or implied to a breach of a covenant, condition or obligation by the other party, shall act as a waiver of a right of action for damages as a result of such breach, or shall be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach of the covenant, condition or obligation.

XXIV. NOTICE OF LEASE

The State agrees to execute a Notice of the Lease Agreement, substantially in the form of that attached herewith as Exhibit "C", which the Lessee shall record with the appropriate recording officer. The date set forth in the Notice of Lease is for recording purposes only and bears no reference to commencement of either term or rent payments.

XXV. DEFAULT - THE LESSEE'S RIGHT TO CURE - TERMINATION - RESTORATION

In the event there is a default by the Lessee with respect to any of the provisions of the Lease or its obligations under it, including the payment of rent, the State shall give the Lessee written notice of such default. After receipt of such written notice, the Lessee shall have fifteen (15) days in which to cure any monetary default and thirty (30) days in which to cure any non-monetary default, provided the Lessee shall have such extended period as may be required beyond the thirty (30) days if the nature of the cure is such that it reasonably requires more than thirty (30) days whose length of time shall be agreed upon by the parties, and the Lessee commences the cure within the thirty (30) day period and thereafter continuously and diligently pursues the cure to completion. The State may not maintain any

action or effect any remedies for default against the Lessee unless and until the Lessee has failed to cure the same within the time periods provided in this paragraph. The failure of the Lessee to act to cure the default within the specified time periods shall be just cause for termination of the Lease.

The Lessee shall have the unilateral right to terminate the Lease at any time by giving ninety (90) day written notice to the State of the exercise by the Lessee of this option.

The Lessee, upon termination of the Lease, shall, within sixty (60) days of termination, remove all of its equipment, personal property and all fixtures from the Property and repair any damage caused by its use of the Leased Premises or the removal of its equipment, reasonable wear and tear excepted. If such time for removal causes the Lessee to remain on the Leased Premises after termination of the Lease, the Lessee shall pay rent at then-existing monthly rate or on the existing monthly pro rata basis if based upon a longer payment term, until such time as the removal of the equipment, personal property and all fixtures are completed.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused the Lease to be executed the day and year first above written.

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

By: _____
Jeffrey J. Rose
Commissioner

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF MERRIMACK

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____ 2014, by Jeffrey J. Rose, in his capacity as Commissioner of the Department of Resources and Economic Development.

NOTARY PUBLIC/JUSTICE OF PEACE
My Commission expires: _____

**NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC.**

By: _____
Dena L. DeLucca
Vice President, Corporate & Member
Services/CFO
Duly Authorized

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF GRAFTON

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____ 2014, by, Dena L. DeLucca in her capacity as Vice President, Corporate and Member Services/CFO of New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.

NOTARY PUBLIC/JUSTICE OF PEACE
My Commission expires: _____

Approved as to form, substance and execution

Date _____

By: _____

Brian Buonamano
Office of NH Attorney General

Approved by Governor and Council

Date _____

Agenda Item No. _____

The following Exhibits are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference:

- "A" The State of New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development Policy of Use and Management of Mountaintops for Communication Facilities
- "B" The State of New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development Technical Requirements for Use of Communication Sites
- "C" Notice of Lease
- "D" Equipment List
- "E" EDA Grant Amortization Table

EXHIBIT C

Notice of Lease

Notice of the following Lease is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 477, Sections 7 and 7-a:

LESSOR: **STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**, Department of Resources and Economic Development, having a mailing address of P.O. Box 1856, Concord, New Hampshire 03302-1856

LESSEE: **NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire and having its place of business at 579 Tenney Mountain Highway, Plymouth, New Hampshire 03264

DATE OF EXECUTION: _____

DESCRIPTION: Communications Lease at Mount Washington State Park – Sargent’s Purchase, NH

LEASED PREMISES

The STATE, for and in consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter contained and made on the part of LESSEE, does hereby grant, demise and LEASE to LESSEE:

- a. Certain space for antennas for receiving and transmitting microwave and radio signals, to include certain equipment; and
- b. Two (2) microwave dishes, mounted on Alford Tower and two (2) microwave dishes mounted on the Yankee Building; and
- c. Certain space in the first and second floor of the Yankee Building

TERM: Five (5) years

DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF TERM: January 1, 2012.

RIGHTS OF EXTENSION OR RENEWAL: Three (3) successive five (5) year terms

EXECUTED as an instrument under seal on the dates indicated below.

LESSOR:

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

By: _____
Jeffrey J. Rose
Commissioner

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNTY OF MERRIMACK

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EXHIBIT D

MT WASHINGTON TOWER SITE ANTENNA AND EQUIPMENT LIST FOR NHEC

11/10/2014

DISHES TOTAL OF FOUR (4)

Reference	Dish 1	Dish 2	Dish 3	Dish 4
Description	To Tecumseh, Waterville Valley	To Cranmore Mtn, Conway NH	To Eustis, Littleton NH	To Mudget Mtn, Stewartstown NH
Quantity	One (1)	One (1)	One (1)	One (1)
Type	8' dish, high performance, extreme wind	8' dish, high performance, extreme wind	6' dish, high performance, extreme wind	8' dish, high performance, extreme wind
Manufacturer	Andrew	Andrew	Andrew	Andrew
Model	SEHP8-59	SEHP8-107	SEHP6-59	SEHP8-59
Azimuth	210° T	144° T	275° T	356° T
Mounting location	30' CL on the SW leg of the Alford tower	40' CL on the SE leg of the Alford tower	15' CL Westerly side of the Yankee Building	15' CL Northerly side of the Yankee Building
Mount type	Pipe mount on Alford tower	Pipe mount on Alford Tower	Existing Pipe mount Easterly side of building	Existing Pipe mount Northerly side of building
Ice Shield	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cable Type	RFS E60 Elliptical waveguide	RFS E105 Elliptical Waveguide	RFS E60 Elliptical Waveguide	RFS E60 Elliptical Waveguide
Cable Dimensions	2.2" x 1.3"	1.3" x 0.8"	2.2" x 1.3"	2.2" x 1.3"
TX Power Out	32 dBm	29 dBm	32 dBm	32 dBm
ERP	72.8 dBm	76.2 dBm	68.6 dBm	71.2 dBm
TX/RX Frequency	5974.85 MHz/ 6286.19 MHz	11405.00 MHz/ 10915.00 MHz	5945.20 MHz/ 6197.24 MHz	6063.80 MHz/ 6315.84 MHz
FCC Call Sign	WQMI769	WQMI769	WQMI790	WQMI793

EQUIPMENT CABINETS/RACKS TOTAL OF THREE (3)

Qty	Dimensions	Type	Floor layout reference	Description
1	24"x24"x80"	Rack	CAB 1.1	48 VDC Power
2	24"x24"x80" 12"x24"x80"	(1) Cabinet (1) Rack	CAB 1.2 CAB 2.2	Primary Microwave cabinet 1 st floor room Remote Microwave cabinet 2 nd floor room

HOUSED EQUIPMENT

Type	Qty	Make/Model	Description	Location
Microwave	6	Ceragon/IP-10G	Microwave radios	CAB 1.2
	4	Ceragon/15HPA-1R-RFU	Microwave RF Amp High Power	CAB 1.2
	2	Ceragon/15HPA-1R-RFU	Microwave RF Amp High Power	CAB 2.2
Dehydrator	1	Andrew/MR050	Waveguide dehydrator	Wall Mounted
48 VDC power	1	C&D Technology/ Sageon Micro	48VDC power system with eight (8) batteries	CAB 1.1
Site Monitor	1	NetGurdian/420	Monitors site environmental	CAB 1.2

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



**POLICY ON USE AND MANAGEMENT
OF DRED COMMUNICATION FACILITIES**

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POLICY ON USE AND MANAGEMENT OF DRED COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

INTRODUCTION

In 1964, the State of New Hampshire, recognizing the future needs for public communication sites and the potential proliferation of antenna towers, microwave dishes, transmitter buildings and other apparatus on New Hampshire's high peaks and ridges, established a policy limiting radio/electronics installations on Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) administered land. At that time, the primary concerns were providing sites for future public communication needs and mitigating the visual impact of installations. New communication installations and renewals of existing permits were limited to public agencies. Requests for new communications installations by agencies not supported with public funds were considered only where installations would provide a measure of public service or public safety.

In the 1980's, three additional concerns developed regarding communication facilities on state-owned summits. First was a concern for protecting the aesthetics and natural condition of the State's high peaks and ridges. Second was a concern regarding electronic interference and signal deterioration caused by the growing number of transmission and reception installations. Although there currently isn't a way to quantify the threshold below which a transmission signal becomes unacceptably weakened by neighboring users, each addition of equipment at a site has a negative effect. As the number of installations increased, so had the concern over maintaining signal integrity since most of the communications users at state-owned mountaintops were there for the purposes of public health and safety, law enforcement, national defense, and public information.

The third concern was the potential negative impact to public health from intense communications signals. The mountaintops were originally acquired and maintained for the visiting public and it was important to limit radio frequency radiation to levels safe for continued public use of the area.

In 2012, a review of the policy was prompted by DRED's growing responsibility for over 167,000 acres of public land and an ever increasing demand to install or expand communications facilities on DRED lands to enhance public safety and security, and to fulfill the public interest for commercial broadband internet access. In 2013, the Policy was revised to: a) provide new guidelines and processes for establishing new or expanded communication sites in locations beyond just mountaintops; b) allow for commercial communications applications and corresponding lease fees; and c) ensure that impacts from new or expanded communications facilities to the land's traditional uses and purposes were minimized and mitigated.

As the result of a "Internal Control Review" of the Communications Program by the Office of Legislative Budget Assistant – Audit Division, a "Communications Program Manual" was developed. The Manual dovetails with the Policy and established procedures and protocols, including accountability of equipment and sites through a newly acquired database – ComSite,

and the billing and collecting of Program revenues through the State's new billing system — LAWSON/NHFfirst.

I. DEFINITIONS:

“Commissioner” shall mean the Commissioner of the Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED).

“Permit” shall mean any form of agreement, including licenses, special use permits, or leases issued by the Commissioner for use of a DRED communication site.

“Private user” shall mean any person or business entity, including a non-profit organization, which is not a “public user” or “quasi-public user.”

“Public user” shall mean a federal, state, county, or municipal agency or some governmental association thereof.

II. GOAL:

The ultimate goal for state-owned locations used for communications facilities, including mountaintops, is to have such areas cleared of all appurtenances and machinery, with the possible exception of observation platforms. This goal cannot be realized until the technology of electronic communications has advanced to where antennas and other electrical paraphernalia are outmoded. Until that time, the overall management objective for communications sites will be to give priority to transmission sites for communications critical to the public health, safety and welfare, while minimizing the aesthetic and environmental impacts of these communications facilities.

III. POLICY:

It is the policy of the Department of Resources and Economic Development to permit, when no other feasible alternative is available, controlled development of state-owned land under its jurisdiction for electronic communications necessary to public health, safety and welfare; and to facilitate, wherever possible, in the consolidation of commercial electronic communication networks across the state.

IV. GUIDELINES AND CONSIDERATIONS:

A. Values to Be Protected: Management of the communications sites on DRED lands is intended to protect three distinct values deemed essential to the public interest:

1. *Aesthetics/natural condition and public use*: To maintain the natural and scenic character of an area. Communication facilities shall be installed so as to have the least physical disturbance or modification of the natural environment and minimal impact to the public enjoyment of these environments.

2. *Public health, safety and welfare:* To consider communications projects necessary and desirable to maintain or improve the health, safety and welfare interests of the public at large, as well as to reasonably safeguard the health and safety of visitors to communication sites.
 3. *Electronic integrity:* To uphold the non-interference of communications signals and frequencies between communications systems and/or associated electrical devices.
- B. Communication Site Designation: In order to articulate the use of DRED properties for communications activities, the following site designations are hereby established for the purpose of describing existing assets and limitations that each site category may possess. All current and future sites will be classified by these designations:
1. *Multiple Use Sites ("MU")* may allow for the full range of communication uses, so long as those uses are compatible with site conditions, typical management activities, traditional public use, and deed covenants, if any; and strive to minimize the aesthetic and environmental impacts. MU Sites typically contain electric power from off-site, phone capability, and usually have generator back-up capabilities. Infrastructure specific to communications can be erected at these sites (tower, building, etc.) provided such installations are in compliance with and meet the objectives of the other sections of this policy.
 2. *Limited Use Sites ("LU")* have one or more limitations that prohibit the expansion of a LU Site. Limitations may include, but are not limited to: access issues; protection of special aesthetic or natural site conditions; lack of a power source, telephone, or fiber resources; public health or safety concerns; interference with other communication sites; or incompatibility with other primary uses of a particular site. These sites shall have restrictions placed upon them based upon their limiting factors.
 3. *Restricted Use Sites ("RU")* are restricted communication sites and shall be limited to only those uses that are deemed a critical need for public health, safety or welfare; where the benefits derived from having the communication site outweigh the potential detriments to the values to be protected. Examples of restricted uses include those related to fire and rescue, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and/or emergency management. Such sites shall not be used for commercial activities or "for profit" purposes. Measures shall be taken to ensure that no alternative sites exist, and that aesthetic and environmental impacts will be minimized or mitigated.
- C. Approved, Designated DRED Sites: The following specific DRED sites are hereby designated by the Commissioner as "Communication Sites." The letter designation after each site indicates its current designation.

Belknap Mountain, Belknap Mountain State Forest (MU)

Blue Job Mountain, Blue Job State Forest (MU)
Cannon Mountain, Franconia Notch State Park (MU)
Cardigan Mountain, (RU)
Federal Hill, Federal Hill Fire Tower (LU)
Hampton Beach State Park, (RU)
Holden Hill, Coleman State Park (MU)
Hyland Hill, Hyland Hill State Forest (MU)
Jordan Hill, Walker State Forest (RU)
Kearsarge Mountain, Kearsarge Mountain State Forest (MU)
Magalloway Mountain (RU)
Milan Hill, Milan Hill State Park (MU)
Oak Hill, Oak Hill Fire Tower (MU)
Pack Monadnock Mountain, Miller State Park (MU)
Pitcher Mountain, Pitcher Mountain Fire Tower (MU)
Prospect Mountain, Weeks State Park (LU)
Mt. Sunapee, Mt. Sunapee State Park (MU)
Wantastiquet Mountain, Wantastiquet Mountain State Forest (MU)
Warner Hill, Warner Hill Fire Tower (MU)

Development of communications facilities at these sites shall be restricted to specific areas, as determined by the Commissioner.

V. APPLICATION FOR COMMUNICATIONS SITE USE:

- A. Application for a communication site use will be filed with the Commissioner, Department of Resources and Economic Development and shall include the following information:
1. Demonstrated need for public health and safety, or for the public welfare interests served by commercial-service communications.
 2. Complete plans and specifications of the proposed installation including, but not limited to, buildings, towers, power lines, accessory structures, fuel tanks, generators, method(s) of access to the site and access improvements.
 3. Detailed specifications including type, frequency, size and proposed location of

receiving and/or transmission unit(s) and antenna(s).

4. Analysis of compatibility with existing facilities and equipment (intermod and structural analysis) and power requirements.
5. Written documentation that the installation meets the current ANSI standards for controlled and uncontrolled human exposure to radio frequency electromagnetic fields. Cumulative effects of the proposed installation together with the existing facilities shall be considered.
6. Power and access availability without major new development.

B. Applications for New Communications site designations will be filed with the Commissioner, Department of Resources and Economic Development and shall include the following process.

1. A description of alternative sites considered, including other DRED-designated communication sites and locations on private property, and the results from an investigation that demonstrates why the alternative sites are not feasible.
2. Compatibility with long-range multiple use plans.
3. Aesthetic compatibility with surrounding environment.
4. Impact on aesthetic/natural and recreational resources, and efforts to minimize or mitigate such impacts.
5. Deed and/or property use restrictions.

Regional and Local Review: In accordance with RSA 674:54 II, all applications for new communication site designations shall be sent to the Board of Selectmen/City Council of the municipality and to the appropriate Regional Planning Commission in which the proposed site is located to provide an opportunity for public hearing(s), subject to the following:

1. DRED will provide a public notification in a newspaper in general circulation in the area stating that a proposal for a new communication site designation has been sent to the municipality.
2. DRED will provide written notification to: (1) persons who have interests of record in the site; (2) persons who have written use agreements for the site on file with DRED; (3) landowners across which the State has deeded or written access rights to the site; and (4) donors of land which contains the site.
3. DRED personnel and the applicant shall participate in any hearing(s) requested by the municipality or by the Regional Planning Commission.

4. DRED shall respond in writing to any written comments made by the municipality relative to the application and received within 30 days after the hearing. Responses shall identify any modifications made in response to comments from the municipality or a written explanation as to why the implementation of the comments would be contrary to the proposed public project.
5. Upon completion of the processes described in this section, applications for a new communication site shall be submitted to Governor and Executive Council for final approval.
6. Applications from public and private users shall be submitted to the local governing body by the applicant for approval under the municipality's Site Plan Review Regulation.
7. Application(s) for use permits or leases for new communication sites shall follow the same procedures as existing designated sites.
8. Application(s) for a new site, or modification or expansion of an existing site may be reviewed by the Communication Site Advisory Committee, as deemed necessary by the Commissioner.
9. Once a site has been officially designated, new users on the site can be processed by the DRED communications office without review by the Advisory Committee, providing the new user doesn't significantly modify or alter the site, such as but not limited to adding buildings, extending the tower height or other buildings or structures, in which case it shall be reviewed by the Advisory Committee.

VI. CONSOLIDATION:

- A. Towers and buildings: on each communication site will be consolidated and shared by site users in a manner striving for the following goals:
1. A single, expandable, low profile transmitter building serviced by a single, non-overhead utility line.
 2. As few multiple-use, broadband antennae as are technically feasible, affixed to a single tower. Such consolidation will be planned on a site-by-site basis according to building design, cable and power layout, and vegetation distribution; and accomplished through cooperative funding among users, contributions, or bonding.
 3. Additions to, and modifications or relocation of, existing structures and equipment shall be compatible with the designated site plan for consolidation of facilities through shared use.

VII. ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

A. Communication Site Advisory Committee is established as an adjunct to the Commissioner's office. Technical advisors may serve as deemed necessary or desirable by the Committee. Committee membership shall include the following individuals or their designee:

- Director, Division of Forests and Lands
- Director, Division of Parks and Recreation
- Director, Division of State Police
- Executive Director, New Hampshire Fish & Game Department
- President/Forester, Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests
- Executive Director, Local Government Center

B. Purpose: The Advisory Committee is established for the purpose of advising the Commissioner on the following matters:

1. Designation of new communication sites, or modification to tower height, building size and/or expansion of existing sites if deemed necessary by the Commissioner.
2. Developing Plans for consolidation of facilities.
3. Policies, rules, and regulations for communication site management may be reviewed periodically
4. Recommended changes to policy, rules and regulations for communications site management may be made by Advisory Committee, Communications Site Committee, Communications Section Chief, or the Department and approved by the Commissioner.

VIII. MODIFICATION OR EXPANSION OF EXISTING SITES:

A. New or Expansion Proposals: Proposals for new or enlarged installations at designated communication sites, which are demonstrated to be in the overall interest of public health or safety will be given the highest priority. New users may be permitted subject to the following:

1. Can be accomplished without compromising the values to be protected under Section IV. A, and
2. Would result in a net improvement in onsite facility aesthetics, primarily through consolidation, or
3. Would result in enhanced public recreation access or opportunities, or
4. Would provide the tower or building space needed to accommodate "public users," as determined by the Commissioner.

IX. INTERFERENCE:

- A. New Installations:** New installations/users shall not interfere with existing installations, users and functions. Where irreconcilable conflicts arise between "public user," and "private user" installations over electronic interference, space, power supply, or location, the "public" or "quasi-public" user shall take precedence and displace the "private user." Order of displacement is: 1) private users; 2) quasi-public users engaged in low power broadcasting; 3) other quasi-public users. Within each category, newest installations shall be displaced first.
- B. Electronic Interference:** In the case of a complaint of electronic interference or other conflicts created by a new installation, it shall be the responsibility of the proponent of the new installation to submit plans for resolving the complaint or potential problem. The plans shall be consistent with the site consolidation effort. The complainant and new installation proponent shall attempt to resolve the matter. Unresolved issues and the proponent's plans shall be submitted to the Communication Office within 10 working days of the complaint for review and recommendation for action by the Commissioner.

X. OTHER INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS:

A. Additional considerations shall include:

1. Communication-tower(s) on DRED communication sites shall be the minimum height necessary to meet technical requirements of the equipment installed and the service area, but under no circumstances shall tower structure exceed 180 feet in height.
2. All DRED communication sites shall meet the current American National Standards Institute (ANSI) requirements for controlled and uncontrolled human exposure to radio frequency electromagnetic fields.
3. Permits/leases for site use are not transferable and facilities (buildings, tower and equipment) may not be sub-leased.
4. Requests for changes or modification of a permitted installation shall be submitted in writing for approval by the Commissioner.
5. Site users shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances and rules.
6. All equipment installations shall be accomplished in compliance with the latest edition of the "State of New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development Technical Requirements For use of Communication Sites," and all grounding of equipment will meet Motorola's R-56 requirements.
7. Intermod Study is required of all new prospective users or a change of frequency by a current user.

8. Structural analysis may be required by new users and upgrades by current users.
9. An RF Study is required by all new users at all sites. Sites that are manned by volunteers or paid personnel require the RF Study to specifically reference and address the effects and risk to personnel from RF exposure.

XI. TENANT CATEGORIES (basis for annual rent):

The following table depicts the tenant categories and provides the degree of annual rent to be charged in order to occupy a DRED communication site:

CATEGORY	ANNUAL RENT BASIS
NH State Entity	Beneficial Services (no-charge tenants as of 1/1/2013)
Federal Entity	Fair Market Rent
Government/Quasi-Governmental, Municipalities, County, Other State	Administrative Fee (\$1,000 as of 1/1/2013)
Commercial	Fair Market Rent
Other	Fair Market Rent

XII. FEES:

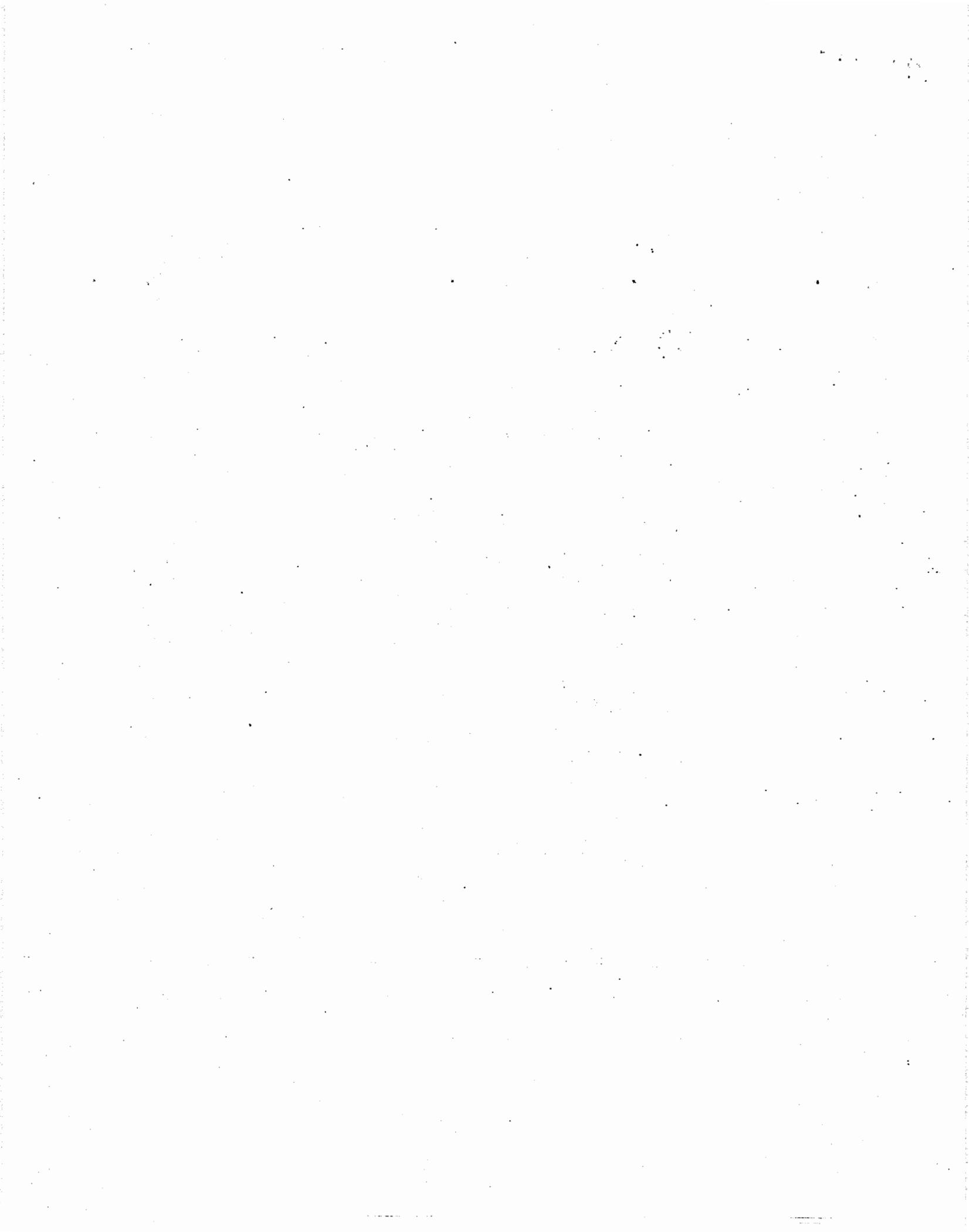
A. Fair Market Value Rent: All new or renewed non-state tenant contracts (leases, permits, licenses) shall be assessed an annual fair market value rent (the Market Rent) or annual administrative fee(the Administrative Fee: based on beneficial services arrangements and/or other considerations) for each communications site, which shall be set by the Commissioner.

1. Items to be considered in determining the Market Rent or Administrative Fee will include:
 - Administration costs to the state.
 - User classification (public, quasi-public, private) and type of installation.
 - Prorated share of facilities maintenance.
 - Inventory of the equipment installed at the site.
 - Benefits accruing to the state as a result of joint installation.
 - Costs associated with installations at alternative locations on private property.
 - Market Rent values on comparable private communications sites.
 - Potential impacts to existing state park or state forest operations.
 - Public safety and/or quality of life considerations.
2. All communication installations on DRED lands owned by or leased to non-public tenants shall be subject to local taxes, payable by the tenant.

XIII. AMENDMENTS:

The Policy may be amended from time to time to serve the public interest upon recommendation of the Communication Site Advisory Committee and approval by the Commissioner.

Approved: Jeffrey J. Rose 1/29/14
Jeffrey J. Rose, Commissioner Date
Department of Resources and Economic Development



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
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**TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS
FOR USE OF COMMUNICATION SITES**

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Technical Requirements
For Use of Communication Sites

Introduction

The following outlines technical requirements for installation, operation and maintenance of communication equipment and appurtenances at Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) communication sites as required by Item III.H.6 of the DRED "Policy On Use and Management of Mountaintops for Communication Facilities". As stated in the policy, all requests for new communication equipment installations or modifications of existing equipment require review by the Communication Site Advisory Committee and approval by the Commissioner.

The Commissioner, with counsel from the Communication Site Advisory Committee, shall be the final authority in resolution of any conflicts between site users or in interpretation of these technical requirements and may require testing of user's equipment to determine compliance or to investigate possible sources of interference.

These requirements are in addition to any standards or conditions contained in the lease/use agreement.

These requirements shall apply to all new communications facilities and to existing facilities that are upgraded or expanded. The requirements may be waived or modified by the DRED Site Manager for facilities and/or users in existence at the date of adoption, as communication site conditions warrant.

Transmitters and Associated Equipment

- A. Transmitters shall be equipped with isolators to provide the following minimum isolation to reduce the possibility of intermodulation interference.
 - 25 db (70 MHz to 220 MHz)
 - 50 db (220 MHz to 1000 MHz)
 - 75 db (1000 MHz to 76 GHz)
- B. A Bandpass cavity shall be used between each antenna and associated transmitter or combiner. A combiner, or duplexer will satisfy this requirement.
- C. R.F. Devices including duplexers, isolators, cavities, switches, etc. shall be located inside grounded cabinets where physically possible. Open racks may be permitted on a site by site basis to fit specific needs.
- D. Grounding to each cabinet and device shall be installed and comply with current Standards and Guidelines for Communication Sites (R56), NFPA 780: Standard for the Installation of Lightning Protection Systems, and NFPA 70: National Electrical Code® when applicable.
- E. Transmission lines entering enclosed equipment cabinets shall do so via bulkhead connectors. Type "N" bulkhead connectors shall be used above 54 MHz.
- F. Power, telephone, network, or control lines shall be protected by grommets where they enter enclosed radio cabinets. Where high R.F. fields exist, telephone lines and control lines shall enter radio cabinets via RFI filtration devices.

- G. The use of RG8, RG58, braided shield, single shield coax cable or aluminum shielded cable is not permitted. This includes cables located within cabinets or racks. PTP, Microwave, or GPS systems whose manufacturer requires the use of LMR-400 or similar cable will be exempt providing the manufacturer's documentation is submitted to the DRED site manager prior to installation. Double shielded RG58 (Belden 8268, etc.) may be used in external frequency reference and 1 PPS launch timing applications.
- H. Ethernet cable (CAT5e, CAT6, etc.) shall be routed to not interfere or receive interference from RF equipment.
- I. Ethernet cable (CAT5e, CAT6, etc.) shall be plenum rated for in shelter use and shielded/ outdoor rated when used outside of the shelter or on the tower.
- J. Ethernet cable (CAT5e, CAT6, etc.), and telephone lines shall be grounded upon entry into the shelter from an outside source (tower mounted equipment, or telco lines) using a UL listed surge suppressor and shall be installed in accordance with current Standards and Guidelines for Communication Sites (R56), NFPA 780: Standard for the Installation of Lightning Protection Systems, and NFPA 70: National Electrical Code® when applicable.
- K. Microwave or PTP transceivers shall be secured to an open rack or mounted within an enclosed cabinet. Unsecured devices will not be permitted.
- L. At no time will any equipment be mounted to an ice bridge or its support structure.
- M. Microwave or PTP ODU (Outdoor Units) should be mounted as close to the antenna as possible.

Antenna System Requirements

- A. Antenna systems must be approved by the DRED Site Manager prior to the commencement of installation work. The cost of any changes to the existing tower including structural work, tower painting, tower lighting, etc. will be paid for by the site user. Rearrangements of existing antennas will not be considered except under unusual circumstances.
- B. The design of each proposed antenna systems shall take into account the following:
 - *Antenna location will be assigned by the DRED Site Manager based on available space, required radiation pattern, transmitter power and frequency, antenna type, mounting restrictions and interference considerations.
 - *Only antennas which provide a direct dc path to ground may be utilized.
 - *Antennas shall be equipped with coaxial lightning protectors meeting ANSI standard 62.1. Lightning protectors shall be connected to site ground system in accordance with current Standards and Guidelines for Communication Sites (R56) and NFPA 780: Standard for the Installation of Lightning Protection Systems.
 - *R.F. link antennas, control antennas, and Microwave Antennas will be assigned mounting positions as low on the tower as possible.

***Metal antenna mounting hardware and falling ice protection hardware will be hot dipped galvanized or stainless steel.**

***Only solid copper jacketed coax cable will be permitted for antenna cable runs. PTP, Microwave, or GPS systems whose manufacturer requires the use of LMR-400 or similar cable will be exempt providing the manufacturer's documentation is submitted to the DRED site manager prior to installation.**

***Coax cable shall be individually attached to the tower legs or waveguide hangers. The location of coax cable runs will be assigned by the DRED Site Manager.**

***Attachment of coax cable will be by stainless steel clamps or hangers spaced a maximum of three feet apart.**

***The use of plastic "tie wraps" to support coax cable in any location is not permitted. The use of coating products that emit acetic acid are not permitted. Use of ultra-violet protected "tie wraps" are allowed on a temporary basis during construction or for temporary installations.**

***Grounding kits with solid copper straps and mechanical compression shall be installed at top of tower, at point where coax cable departs the tower, and at the building entrance point. These clamps will be properly sealed to prevent corrosion at the coax cable connection. Stainless steel connectors will be used from the grounding kit to the tower. Grounding kits and procedures must comply with current Standards and Guidelines for Communication Sites (R56).**

***Horizontal runs of coax cable shall be protected by ice shields and supported every three feet with stainless steel clamps or hangers.**

***Coax cable shall enter buildings via weatherproof cable entrance ports or cable mounting plates. Positions will be assigned by the DRED Site Manager. Ground Clamps will be used on both sides of this connection and will be connected to the site ground system.**

***Coax cable runs located inside buildings will utilize existing cable racks or will be supported overhead by hangers.**

Power Requirements:

- A. Each site user will be responsible for the cost of installation of separately metered electrical service when such metering is required unless otherwise specified in the lease/use agreement.**
- B. The provisions of backup power by DRED will require approval of the DRED Site Manager.**
- C. Emergency generating equipment or battery backup units shall not be installed without approval of the DRED Site Manager.**
- D. Each new transmitter and equipment cabinet will be connected to a separately fused AC outlet in accordance with current Standards and Guidelines for Communication Sites (R56), NFPA 70: National Electrical Code®, and State Electrical codes.**
- E. Under no circumstances will one station be plugged into the accessory outlet of another cabinet.**

- F. All electrical installation work shall be in full compliance with current Standards and Guidelines for Communication Sites (R56), NFPA 70: National Electrical Code®, and State Electrical codes.

Administrative Items

- A. A frequency compatibility study must be performed prior to installation; it shall be done by an independent consulting firm, which has been approved by DRED. The cost of this study is the responsibility of the site user. A subsequent study may be required each time the site user proposes an additional frequency at the site.
- B. The site user shall immediately cease operation if notified by the DRED that they are causing harmful interference.
- C. The DRED Site Manager shall be provided with copies of all FCC license applications, current FCC licenses and equipment specifications.
- D. The site user shall make no changes after the initial installation without prior written approval from the DRED Site Manager.
- E. Equipment shall be maintained in such a manner as to prevent it from becoming a source of interference or a safety hazard.
- F. Equipment shall have an ID tag attached, which shows licensee's name, address, call sign, frequency, tone squelch frequency and telephone number of person or organization responsible for maintenance work. Radio station licenses shall be posted for each transmitting station as required by FCC rules.
- G. Speakers will be turned off except during periods of maintenance work.
- H. Areas in and around the site user's equipment shall be kept clean and neat at all times. In addition, exterior areas including access roads, trails, and parking area shall be kept clean. Trash and unused materials shall be immediately removed from the site and not stored on the premises in any manner.
- I. Smoking, open flame, or welding will not be permitted inside buildings.
- J. Should the site user cause discharge of any Fire Protection System, they will be responsible for all costs associated with recharging the system, cleaning the building and repairing damaged equipment.
- K. If the building has an alarm system installed, the site user will notify designated Alarm Center when entering or leaving building in accordance with posted instructions.
- L. Site access shall be as designated in and subject to restrictions as described in the lease/use agreement. The DRED will not be responsible for plowing of access roads or trail entrances to the site unless specified in lease/use agreement.
- M. Prior to the signing of any lease, a joint visit of the site will be made by the proposed site user and the DRED Site Manager. Any additional special technical requirements not covered in this document will be determined at this meeting.

N. When a lease is terminated for any reason, the site user will remove all equipment including antennas and feed lines within thirty days and will be responsible for any work necessary to return site to its previously existing condition. Should the site user fail to do so, then DRED will arrange to have work completed and will bill the site user for this work.

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His Excellency, Governor John H. Lynch
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REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorization is respectfully requested for the Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Forests and Lands to accept and expend federal funds from the US Department of Commerce, EDA Grant #01-79-08811, in the amount of \$1,526,763.00 and other funds from the New Hampshire Electric Co-op in the amount of \$381,690.00 for a total of \$1,908,453.00 upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2011. **80% Federal Funds, 20% Other Funds**

Funds are to be budgeted in account titled, EDA Communication Grant, with authority to adjust encumbrances and appropriations between each of the State fiscal years through the Budget Office if needed and justified.

03-35-35-351010-90770000 EDA Communication Grant

		2010 Requested Budget	2011 Requested Budget
000-407793	Federal Funds	(32,032.00)	(1,494,731.00)
009-407794	Agency Income	(8,008.00)	(373,682.00)
041-500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	40.00	1,868.40
048-500226	Contractual Maintenance – Building & Grounds	0.00	1,598,453.00
102-500731	Contracts for Program Services	40,000.00	268,091.60
TOTAL		40,040.00	1,868,413.00

EXPLANATION

The US Department of Commerce awarded the Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) a grant to repair, replace, and upgrade four key communication sites. The sites are located at Pitcher Mountain in Stoddard, Mount Kearsarge in Warner/Wilton, Mount Belknap in Gilford, and Milan Hill in Milan. The funds are awarded to DRED as the recipient of the EDA Federal Funds and the 20% match is provided by the New Hampshire Electric Co-operative.

This grant will allow for the replacement of two aging and undersized generators at Pitcher Mountain and Mount Kearsarge, the upgrading and replacement of an aged tower and building at Mount Belknap, and the construction of a new replacement fire/communication tower and building at Milan Hill.

The New Hampshire Electric Co-operative is leveraging this grant with their \$30 million Smart Grid Grant provided to them by the US Department of Energy in 2009. The EDA funded activities once complete will then allow the New Hampshire Electric Co-operative to complete installation of necessary equipment at the sites as part of their Smart Grid Grant.

The following appropriations are requested for Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011:

Class 041 – Audit Fund Set Aside \$1,908.40, amount needed for audit set-aside (.001);

Class 048 – Contractual Maintenance – Building & Grounds \$1,598,453.00, amount needed for construction of the communication sites; and

Class 102 – Contracts for Program Services \$308,091.60, amount needed to enter into a contract with North Country Council for administration and oversight of the grant, for any contracts the Bureau of Public Works may enter into to administer of the grant, and any additional costs for helicopter services and project inspections.

Upon approval of this item, DRED will seek approval by the Governor and Executive Council to enter into an agreement with the North Country Council, Inc. to provide administration, reporting, and support services for this EDA grant through June 30, 2012.

In the event that Federal Funds are no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to continue the support of this project.

Respectfully submitted,


For George M. Bald
Commissioner

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FORM CD-450
(REV 10/03)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

GRANT COOPERATIVE
AGREEMENT

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARD

AWARD PERIOD
Approval to 36 Months Thereafter

RECIPIENTS NAMES New Hampshire Dept. of Resources and Economic Development

AWARD NUMBER
01-79-08811

STREET ADDRESS 172 Pembroke Road

FEDERAL SHARE OF COST
\$ 1,526,763

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE Concord, NH 03301

RECIPIENT SHARE OF COST
\$ 381,690

AUTHORITY (42 U.S.C. 3121 et. seq); PWEDA, as Amended; P.L. 108-373, 118 Stat. 1756 October 27, 2004.

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST
\$1,908,453

CFDA NO. AND PROJECT TITLE 11.307 – Economic Adjustment Assistance – Repair and Upgrade Wireless Telecommunications Infrastructure

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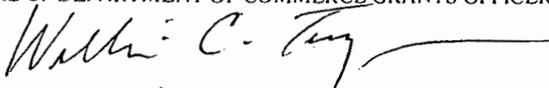
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OBJECT CLASS
41-10-35-00

This Award approved by the Grants Officer is issued in triplicate and constitutes an obligation of Federal funding. By signing the three documents, the Recipient agrees to comply with the Award provisions checked below and attached. Upon acceptance by the Recipient, two signed Award documents shall be returned to the Grants Officer and the third document shall be retained by the Recipient. If not signed and returned without modification by the Recipient within 30 days of receipt, the Grants Officer may unilaterally terminate this Award.

- Economic Development Administration Standard Terms and Conditions Title II Public Works and Development Facilities and Economic Adjustment Construction Components - October 2007, as amended on 12/13/07.
- Special Award Conditions
- Line Item Budget
- 15 CFR Part 14, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, Other Non-Profit, and Commercial Organizations
- 15 CFR Part 24, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements to State and Local Governments
- OMB Circular A-21, Cost Principles for Educational Institutions
- OMB Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments
- OMB Circular A-122, Cost Principles for Nonprofit Organizations
- 48 CFR Part 31, Contract Cost Principles and Procedures
- OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations
- Department of Commerce Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions, March 2008

SIGNATURE OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE GRANTS OFFICER



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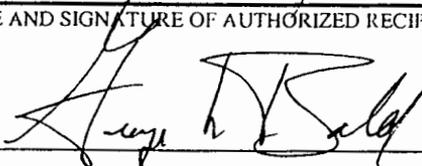
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DATE

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TYPED NAME AND SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED RECIPIENT OFFICIAL

George Bald



TITLE

Commissioner

DATE

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August 12, 2009

Mr. George Bald, Commissioner
Department of Resources and Economic Development
PO Box 1856
Concord, New Hampshire 03302-1856

RE: Costs-Sharing for Improvements to Mt. Belknap

Dear Commissioner Bald:

In consideration of New Hampshire Electric Cooperative's (NHEC's) right to occupy certain Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED)-controlled telecommunications towers and sites identified in the State of New Hampshire's application to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA), including Mt. Belknap and Mt. Kearsarge, NHEC will participate, during construction, in an amount up to \$382,000 for the costs of improvements to Mt. Belknap and other sites as identified in the EDA application.

We look forward to continuing the cooperative relationship we have with DRED and to partnering with you on this most important project.

If you have any questions in this regard, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dena Lee DeLucca".

Dena Lee DeLucca
Vice President of Corporate & Member Services/CFO

cc: Mark Dean, Esq.



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Economic Development Administration
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In reply refer to:
Investment No. 01-79-08811

OCT 29 2009

The Honorable George Bald
Commissioner
New Hampshire Dept. of Resources and Economic Development
172 Pembroke Road
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Commissioner Bald:

I am pleased to inform you that the Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) has approved your application for a \$1,526,763 EDA investment to assist in the construction of repairs and upgrades to the State's wireless telecommunications infrastructure, and the creation of a Web-based business information intake system.

Enclosed are three signed copies of the Financial Assistance Award. Your agreement to the terms and conditions of the award should be indicated by the signature of your principal official on each of the signed copies of the Financial Assistance Award. Two of the executed copies should be returned to Willie C. Taylor, Regional Director, Philadelphia Regional Office, the Curtis Center, Suite 140 South, 601 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106. If not signed and returned within 30 days of receipt, EDA may declare the Award null and void.

Please do not make any commitments in reliance on this award until you have carefully reviewed and accepted the terms and conditions. Any commitments entered into prior to obtaining the approval of EDA in accordance with its regulations and requirements will be at your own risk.

EDA's mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. EDA implements this mission by making strategic investments in the nation's most economically distressed communities that encourage private sector collaboration and creation of higher-skill, higher wage jobs. EDA investments are results driven, embracing the principles of technological innovation, entrepreneurship and regional development.

I share your expectations regarding the impact of this investment and look forward to working with you to meet the economic development needs of your community. Please direct any questions regarding the Award documents to Mr. Alan Brigham, Economic Development Representative for New Hampshire at 207-317-7692.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Willie C. Taylor" followed by a horizontal line.

Willie C. Taylor
Regional Director

Enclosures