

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

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FIBERTECH NETWORKS, L.L.C.))
f/k/a FIBER SYSTEMS, L.L.C.)) Docket No. 02-47
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v.))
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VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, f/k/a))
NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE))
AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY))
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and))
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NORTHEAST UTILITIES))
SERVICE COMPANY d/b/a))
WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS))
ELECTRIC COMPANY))
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AFFIDAVIT OF RICHARD A. SODERMAN

- I. I am over the age of 18 years and am competent to testify about the facts recited in this Affidavit. I make this Affidavit based upon my personal knowledge, unless otherwise noted, and in support of Respondent, Western Massachusetts Electric Company's Response and Answer.
2. I am Director of Regulatory Policy and Planning for Northeast Utilities Service Company, and am responsible for developing and implementing regulatory policies and practices for the NU system companies.
3. I have reviewed the factual responses of Western Massachusetts Electric Company in its Response and Answer, which are hereby incorporated for reference as if

specifically set forth herein, and said factual allegations are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

The undersigned certifies that the foregoing information is true to the best of his information, knowledge, and belief. Thus, the undersigned signs this affidavit on the ____ day of August, 2002, under the penalties of perjury.

Richard A. Soderman