COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE

CRC COMMUNICATIONS LLC, D/B/A OTELCO,

Complainant,

v.

MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A NATIONAL GRID, AND VERIZON NEW ENGLAND INC. D.T.C. 22-4

Respondents.

OTELCO REBUTTAL TO VERIZON AND NATIONAL GRID TESTIMONY AND RESPONSES TO DEPARTMENT INFORMATION REQUESTS

CRC Communications LLC d/b/a OTELCO ("OTELCO") submits its Rebuttal to Verizon New England, Inc.'s ("Verizon") and the Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid's ("National Grid") Testimony and Responses to Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable's ("DTC" or "Department") Information Requests ("Rebuttal") filed on May 15, 2024 in accordance with the Department's May 1, 2024 order setting a procedural schedule and seeking to supplement the record in this proceeding and to hear from the parties regarding the resurvey issue ("Scheduling Order").

DTC Scheduling Order

On May 1, 2024, the Department entered its Scheduling Order, which provided that any party may submit evidence to assist the Department in resolving the resurvey issue by May 15, 2024. Any party may submit rebuttal evidence by May 29, 2024.

OTELCO's Rebuttal Evidence

Accordingly, OTELCO now submits its Rebuttal in response to the information and testimonies submitted by Verizon and National Grid regarding the issue of whether the Pole Owners can reasonably require new preconstruction surveys, at OTELCO's expense, prior to evaluating OTELCO's boxing requests. Specifically, OTELCO is contemporaneously submitting the following testimony with its Rebuttal:

- a) Rebuttal Testimony of David Allen
- b) Rebuttal Testimony of Larry D. Slavin
- c) Rebuttal Testimony of Joseph Teed

OTELCO filed its request for confidential treatment of OTELCO's evidence, submitted in response to the Order on May 15, 2024. OTELCO is contemporaneously filing a request for confidential treatment of portions of its Rebuttal submission as well.

Respectfully submitted,

CRC Communications LLC d/b/a OTELCO

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on May 29, 2024, I caused a copy of the foregoing OTELCO's Rebuttal to Verizon and National Grid Testimony and Responses to Department Information Requests to be served via U.S. mail, first-class postage prepaid, in accordance with the requirements of 220 CMR § 1.05(1) on the following:

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Verizon New England, Inc. Manager – License Administration Group 6 Bowdoin Sq Floor 6 Boston, Massachusetts 02114 Attention: Terrence Toland Title: Agreement Manager Tel.: 978-372-4018 Terrence.Toland@one.verizon.com (also sent via email)

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