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NOTICE

With this Notice, the Department of Telecommunications and Cable (“Department”) amends certain filing requirements for telecommunications carriers’ calendar year 2019 annual returns, and establishes October 30, 2020 as the deadline for such filings.

On March 25, 2020, the Department suspended the March 31, 2020, deadline for telecommunications carriers to file their calendar year 2019 annual returns. The Department found that, due to the COVID-19 outbreak and certain specific requirements of annual-return filings, including the requirement of multiple signatures, good cause existed to select a date later than March 31, 2020, for carriers to file their calendar year 2019 annual returns and pay the related filing fee.

The Department generally requires the signature of a company’s Treasurer and Chief Accounting Officer on each annual return. In addition, if the signatures of these individuals were affixed outside of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Department requires that they be properly sworn to, in person, as attested to by a Notary Public. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department requires that each calendar year 2019 annual return be signed and certified under oath by a company representative with knowledge of the annual return’s contents. Electronic signature is sufficient. The Department will not require for this filing multiple signatures on a filing or that the signature be sworn to, in person, as attested to by a Notary Public.

Finally, the Department for good cause selects **October 30, 2020**, as the deadline for carriers to file these calendar year 2019 annual returns.¹

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Department Secretary Shonda Green at 617-305-3580.

¹ Telecommunications carriers’ annual returns are due to the Department annually by March 31, but the Department may, for good cause, select a date later than March 31 for carriers to file their annual returns. G.L. c. 159, § 32; G.L. c. 166, § 11.