Ninth Extension of Memorandum of Agreement Between the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities and the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2008, the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities ("DPU") and the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable ("DTC") executed a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") regarding the regulation of attachments to utility poles, ducts, and conduits pursuant to G.L. c. 166, § 25A and double poles pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 34B; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Paragraph 12 of the MOA, "[a]bsent any intervening and pertinent statutory amendments to G.L. c. 166, § 25A or G.L. c. 164, § 34B, this MOA shall expire two (2) years from the date of execution[;]" and

WHEREAS, the DPU and DTC executed seven separate extensions of the Memorandum of Agreement through February 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the DPU and DTC executed an Eighth Extension of Memorandum of Agreement on February 7, 2022, which expires on February 8, 2025,

NOW THEREFORE, in light of the foregoing, the parties to the MOA agree as follows:

- 1. the DPU and DTC jointly agree to extend the term of the MOA until July 15, 2025; and
- 2. the DPU and DTC jointly agree to modify the MOA to reflect DTC's current address of record for notification, contained in Paragraph 1 of the MOA, and as previously modified by the Fourth Extension, as follows:
 - a. Department of Telecommunications and Cable, 1000 Washington Street, Suite 600, Boston, MA 02118. The Department of Telecommunications and Cable will move to One Federal Street, Boston, MA 02110 during the term of this agreement, likely in March of 2025; and
- 3. the DPU and DTC jointly agree to be bound by the term of the MOA executed on October 14, 2008, which will continue to have full force and effect until July 15, 2025, absent any intervening and pertinent statutory amendments to G.L. c. 166, § 25A, G.L. c. 164, § 34B, or federal law, and unless the parties to this MOA execute any extensions or modifications of the MOA before such date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the DPU and DTC hereby execute this Ninth Extension of Memorandum of Agreement, in duplicate, on the 17th day of January, 2025.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

By: _

James M. Van Nostrand, Chair

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE

By: Karencharles

Karen Charles, Commissioner