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Re: March 21, 2018, Meeting of the City of Stamford Operations Committee; Proposed Amendment to Section 214-29

Dear Mr. Orgera and Members of the Operations Committee:

The Southern New England Telephone Company ("SNET"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Frontier Communications Corporation ("Frontier"), provides telecommunications services in Connecticut. Frontier respectfully objects to the proposed changes to Section 214-29.

Having been involved in the provision of telecommunications services in this state for decades, Frontier is intimately familiar with utility work both above and below ground, and works with all municipalities, including Stamford, to minimize the impacts of its necessary utility work.

Telecommunications has become a necessary component of any commercial operation and is a necessity to the public at large. Increasing the costs to access this vital service is contrary to the public interest, as it would stymie economic development and erect barriers to access for residential customers. As such, Frontier strenuously objects to the proposed actions regarding Section 214-29.

Furthermore, Frontier has reviewed the January 19, 2018, letter from Eversource on this topic and is in complete agreement with Eversource's legal analysis of the

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proposed changes. We, as Eversource has done, reserve our right to appeal any action taken by the Committee.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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