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Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Timothy Briglin, Chair, House Committee on Energy and Technology
Senator Ann Cummings, Chair, Senate Committee on Finance

FROM: Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules

DATE: October 20, 2022

SUBJECT: Rule 8.000: Cable Television (Vermont Public Utility Commission)

The Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR) reviewed and approved amendments to the Vermont Public Utility Commission's [Rule 8.000: Cable Television](#) (Rule 8.000) at LCAR's October 6, 2022, meeting. The approved amendments to Rule 8.000 standardize the method of calculating and the format of presenting the construction cost estimates that cable operators provide to customers requesting cable line extensions and amend the time frames within which cable operators are required to provide such construction cost estimates.

In discussing Rule 8.000, members of LCAR had questions about how the regulation of cable television by the Vermont Public Utility Commission affects the expansion of broadband throughout Vermont. These questions, and any related issues, are outside the jurisdiction of LCAR but within the jurisdiction of your committees.

Accordingly, LCAR requests that the House Committee on Energy and Technology and the Senate Committee on Finance review any potential issues related to the regulation of cable television by the Vermont Public Utility Commission and any unintended consequences of the regulation of cable television by the Vermont Public Utility Commission that could affect the expansion of broadband in Vermont.