

**Before the  
MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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| Amendments to Chapter 880 of the          | ) |                       |
| Commission’s Rules – Attachments to Joint | ) |                       |
| Use Utility Poles; Determination and      | ) | Docket No. 2020-00281 |
| Allocation of Costs; Procedure            | ) |                       |
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**COMMENTS OF CTIA**

CTIA respectfully submits its comments in response to the Maine Public Utilities Commission’s (“Commission’s”) Notice of Rulemaking (“Notice”), entered November 18, 2020 in the above-captioned docket.

CTIA appreciates the Commission’s continued and pro-active work to remove barriers to broadband deployment in Maine. As noted in CTIA’s previous comments before the Commission in this docket, the Commission’s adoption of one-touch make-ready (“OTMR”) provisions, as found in the proposed amendments,<sup>1</sup> should promote efficiency for pole owners and attachers and decrease siting delays.<sup>2</sup> CTIA also strongly supports the Commission’s inclusion of provisions in Chapter 880 for attachers to exercise self-help for attachments anywhere on utility poles.<sup>3</sup> These provisions, which CTIA suggested in its comments,<sup>4</sup> will help to accelerate 5G deployment in Maine by making small cell installations eligible for the Commission’s self-help remedies should carriers encounter pole owner delays in their deployment.

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<sup>1</sup> See Notice at 4.

<sup>2</sup> See Comments of CTIA, Docket No. 2020-00181 (Aug. 28, 2020) (“CTIA Comments”) at 2-3.

<sup>3</sup> See Notice at 4.

<sup>4</sup> See CTIA Comments at 3-5.

Accordingly, CTIA supports the prompt adoption of the amendments to Chapter 880 proposed in the Notice.

Respectfully submitted,

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