STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2008-162

February 5, 2009

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
AND MAINE STATE LIBRARY
Annual Proposal Filed Pursuant to
Chapter 285 § 4 (2008-2009)

ORDER

REISHUS, Chairman; VAFIADES and CASHMAN, Commissioners

I. SUMMARY

In this Order, we amend our order of May 13, 2008, and allow additional spending of $60,000 for the period January 2009 to June 2009 to pay for increased bandwidth for ATM sites.

II. BACKGROUND AND DECISION

On December 20, 2008, the Maine Department of Education (DOE) filed a request for an additional $60,000 in funding from the Maine Telecommunications Education Access Fund to pay to move 35 ATM sites from an OC 3 to OC 12 connection, thereby increasing their internet bandwidth from 10 mbps to 20 mbps.[1] According to DOE, this change is necessary to keep up with increased demand. After reviewing the request, we determine that sufficient MTEAF funding exists to pay for this change, so we will approve it.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 5th day of February, 2009.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Karen Geraghty
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Reishus
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[1] DOE originally requested an additional $15,000 for expected additional fees from FairPoint. In a subsequent communication, DOE stated such payment would not be required and it therefore is no longer requesting this amount.