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Via Electronic Mail and Hand Delivery

Debra Howland, Executive Director and Secretary New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301

Re: DT 16-872 – Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. et al. Joint Petition for Findings in Furtherance of the Acquisition of FairPoint Communications, Inc. and its New Hampshire Operating Subsidiaries by Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc.

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission in the above-captioned docket, please find an original and six (6) copies of Consolidated's Response to Staff's Written Statement and Motion for Reinstatement of Technical session. Please bring this filing to the attention of General Counsel F. Anne Ross who has been appointed Hearings Examiner in this docket, but who is not listed on the Service List.

Please contact me if there are any questions about this filing. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Susan S. Geiger

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