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

***Re: DT 16-872 - 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 each of the following documents submitted on behalf of Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc.: Prefiled Direct Testimony of Michael J. Shultz; Prefiled Direct Testimony of Gabe Waggoner; and Prefiled Direct Testimony of Steven Childers (redacted version).

Also enclosed for filing in the above-captioned docket please find Consolidated's Motion for Protective Order, along with the Prefiled Direct Testimony of Steven Childers (confidential version) and Confidential Attachment SLC-2. Please mark the confidential versions of Mr. Childers' prefiled testimony and Attachment SLC-2 as "Confidential" and maintain those documents within the Commission offices in a secure location as required by N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.08(g). Please contact me if there are any questions about these filings. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,


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