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January 3, 2019

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

Re: DT 18-169: Order No. 26,202 Nisi approving the transfer of Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc., to its affiliate, Maine Telephone Company

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced proceeding please find the original and six copies of an affidavit of publication and a copy of published notice pursuant to Order No. 26,202 Nisi, dated December 18, 2018.

A copy of this filing also is being filed electronically with the Commission.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert D. Meehan".

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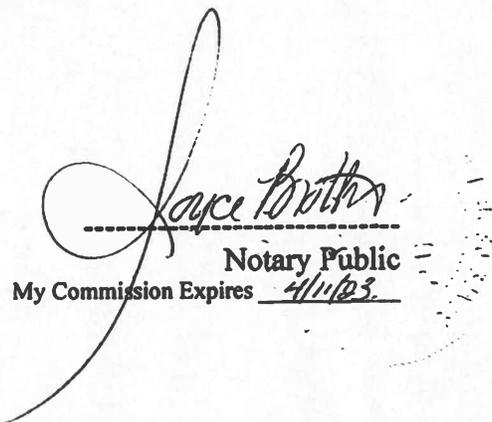
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DT 18-169
NORTHLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY OF
MAINE, INC.

**Petition for Approval of Transfer of Franchise,
Works and Systems to Affiliate
Summary of Order Nisi No. 26.202
Approving Transfer
December 18, 2018**

On December 18, 2018, the Commission approved the transfer of Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc., to its affiliate, Maine Telephone Company. Northland requested approval of that transfer in connection with an internal corporate restructuring transaction involving consolidation of several subsidiaries of Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. The Commission determined that Maine Telephone has the requisite technical, managerial, and financial capability to acquire Northland. The Commission conditioned its approval of the transfer on Maine Telephone taking all actions required to become registered to transact business in New Hampshire and authorized to conduct operations and provide service in New Hampshire prior to the transfer.

The Commission delayed the effectiveness of its order to ensure that Northland customers and the public receive notice of the Commission's determination and have an opportunity to file comments or request a hearing. The Commission's Order and docket filings in this matter, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested or granted by the Commission, are posted on the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2018/18-169.html>.

All persons interested in responding to the order may submit their comments or file a written request for a hearing, which states the reason and basis for a hearing, no later than January 9, 2019. Any person(s) responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than January 15, 2019. Following consideration of any comments and requests for hearing received, the Commission may further extend the final effective date of its order. The Commission's order shall become final and effective on January 17, 2019, unless the Commission orders otherwise.

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weapon made by Axon.

On Tuesday, selectmen approved their draft of the town's \$11.3 million budget to be forwarded to the municipal budget committee for their consideration.

Selectmen approved the draft budget 4-0, with Selectmen Mary Carey Seavey absent.

After the budget committee does its work, the draft budget comes back to selectmen so they can decide whether to recommend it after any modifications by the budget committee.

Voters will have the chance to change the budget at March's deliberative session and to either approve or reject it at the polls in April.

Conway Police Chief Ed Wagner had come before selectmen with a request for Tasers on Nov. 13. The weapons fire darts that deliver an electric shock.

The police department's proposed budget includes a \$17,280 increase to enable each of Conway's 24 officers to carry a Taser.

That figure would be the annual cost over the course of a five-year contract. The five-year total would come to \$86,400.

Some selectmen at their Nov. 27 meeting said residents responding to a Sun story about Wagner's request were balking at the cost and suggested that perhaps 24 Tasers weren't needed since not every officer is on patrol at the same time.

Selectmen said Conway Finance Director Lilli Gilligan said eliminating nine Tasers would cut the expense by \$4,000 a year.

"I got push-back from people who thought going from nothing to 24 was too much," Selectman John Colbath said Dec. 4.

But the police chief said sharing Tasers would be a logistical challenge because officers don't come on and off shift at the same time and the weapons have to be stored somewhere. "We can't just leave the Tasers sitting around," said Wagner.

"We don't want someone picking one up and shooting somebody with it or playing with it," he added.

Wagner said he spoke to Berlin, Concord, Dover, Laconia, Manchester, Moultonborough and Wolfeboro police, along with the Carroll County Sheriff's Office. He said none of the departments have officers sharing Tasers, though Concord started out by sharing before providing all their officers with a Taser.

Wagner said Dover told him they had no issues with sharing. However, the Dover department is twice the size of Conway's, and it has a police supervisor to check Tasers in and out.

If Conway officers got their own Tasers, they would be locked in the officers' lockers when not on their persons.

At the Dec. 4 meeting, Selectmen Steve Porter and Seavey said they supported each officer having his or her own Taser. Porter said \$4,000 is a small price to pay to make sure police have the right equipment.

Seavey agreed, saying: "That's not only protecting them, it's protecting us. I think it's money well-spent."

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come up with a solution to local concerns and that it hadn't provided enough evidence to show how it would alleviate the negative impacts.

In August, Eversource filed an appeal with the N.H. Supreme Court, asking it to overturn the SEC's decision. The court will hear the case in early 2019.

Sununu has long been a major supporter of Northern Pass, which would carry Canadian hydro-electric power through the White Mountains, and was critical of the committee's rejection of the project.

Volinsky claimed that the governor appeared to be "trying to pack the Site Evaluation Committee with members friendly to Eversource."

Volinsky said during his phone interview with Vose, the nominee "rejected the science of the human causation of climate change. He claimed that fracking was environmentally safe."

Vose, an Air Force veteran and software techni-

cal writer, served on the House Science, Technology and Energy Committee. He was first elected to the Legislature in 2014 and re-elected in 2016 but last month lost his bid for a third term.

Opposition to the nomination by pro-environmental groups and state lawmakers had grown in recent weeks.

Kenney, who represents the northern part of the state, said he opposed the nomination because of Vose's support of Northern Pass and the lawmaker's opposition to a bill to support the state's biomass industry. A veto of that bill by the governor was overridden by the Legislature.

Kenney, who said he received more than 200 emails from those opposed to the nomination, also spotlighted that Vose didn't live in the North Country.

"I think it's imperative that we have someone who lives and works in the North Country to serve on the Site Evaluation Committee who will represent the region on the Northern Pass issues," he said.

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