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March 5, 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:

On February 28, 2019, the Maine Public Utilities Commission issued an order in Docket 2018-00314 approving the merger of Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc. (Northland) and four other affiliated rural Incumbent Local Exchange Companies, with and into Maine Telephone Company (copy attached.)

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced proceeding, please find an original and six copies of the following documents, which are being filed on behalf of Consolidated Communications of Maine Company, in anticipation of the closing of the merger of Northland into Maine Telephone Company and the subsequent renaming of the merged entity to Consolidated Communications of Maine Company, which is expected to occur this month, pending requisite clearances of the transaction by the Maine and New Hampshire Secretary of State offices:

1. Form T8 – Application for Registration To Provide Voice Service;
2. Form T1 – Contract and Trade Name Information;
3. Form T9 – Withdrawal of Northland as an Authorized Telephone Utility
4. Copy of New Hampshire Secretary Of State's ("NH SOS") Certificate of Authority Of A For Profit Foreign Corporation issued to Maine Telephone Company, dated January 25, 2019. A change of name request has been submitted to the NH SOS's Office. Consolidated Communications of Maine Company will supplement this filing with a copy of the requisite NH SOS certification when available.

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".

**Robert D. Meehan** | Director – Government Affairs  
770 Elm Street, Manchester, NH 03101  
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**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION TO PROVIDE VOICE SERVICE**  
**Applicable to All Telephone Utilities**  
**When Proposing to Offer Voice Service in an Area Not Previously Authorized**

**1. General Information**

Legal Name Consolidated Communications of Maine Company

Federal Identification Number 01-0490366

Telephone Utility Identification Number  
if one has been assigned \_\_\_\_\_

Trade Name(s) d/b/a  
in New Hampshire Consolidated Communications

Complete Mailing Address 770 Elm Street, Fl. 1  
Manchester, NY 03101

Phone Number 603-656-8116

E-mail Address robert.meehan@consolidated.com

Website www.consolidated.com

**2. History of Applicant**

- a. Has the applicant, or have any of the general partners, corporate officers, director of the company, limited liability company managers or officers been convicted of any felony not annulled by a court? No
- b. In the past ten years, has the applicant, or have any of the general partners, corporate officers, director of the company, limited liability company managers or officers had any civil, criminal or regulatory sanctions or penalties imposed pursuant to any state or federal consumer protection law or regulation? No
- c. In the past ten years, has the applicant, or have any of the general partners, corporate officers, director of the company, limited liability company managers or officers settled any civil, criminal or regulatory investigation or complaint involving any state or federal consumer protection law or regulation? No
- d. Is the applicant, or are any of the general partners, corporate officers, director of the company, limited liability company managers or officers currently the subject of any pending civil, criminal or regulatory investigation or complaint involving any state or federal consumer protection law or regulation? No
- e. Has the applicant, or have any of the general partners, corporate officers, director of the company, limited liability company managers or officers been denied certification in any other state. No
- If so, please list each state. No

f. If the answer to any of the questions in a through e above is yes, please attach an explanation.

If you have any questions, please call the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission at 603-271-2431.  
Please mail any documents to the above address.



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**3. Service**

List up to three services, including at least one voice service, that the applicant will provide to retail customers:

a. Local exchange services

b. Toll and Intralata interexchange calling services

c. Advanced calling services

Identify the applicant's proposed service area:

East Conway and Chatham, New Hampshire (i.e., same service area served by Consolidated Communications of Maine Company's predecessor Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc.)

**4. Required Attachments**

a. A copy of the New Hampshire Secretary of State Certificate of Authority

b. Form T-1, Contact and Trade Name Information

**5. Compliance Statements**

I attest that the applicant will comply with all applicable New Hampshire laws and all Commission policies, rules and orders. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)

I attest that the applicant has the necessary managerial qualifications, technical competence and financial resources to operate the telephone utility for which the applicant seeks registration. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial)

**6. Signature**

I, Robert D. Meehan, (name) declare under penalty of perjury that I am authorized to make this verification for and on behalf of the applicant; that I have read the information provided by the applicant in the foregoing document and any and all attachments, and am informed and believe the same are true; and on that ground, affirm that the matters stated herein are true.

Robert D. Meehan

Signed

Director - Regulatory & Public Policy

Title

Subscribed and sworn before me this 5th (day) of March (month) in the year 2019

County of Hillsborough

State of New Hampshire

Karen A Charron

Notary Public/Justice of the Peace Karen A Charron  
My Commission expires 8/3/21

STATE OF MAINE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2018-00314

February 28, 2019

CHINA TELEPHONE COMPANY, et al.  
Petition for Approvals Related to  
Consolidation of Rural Incumbent Local  
Exchange Carriers

ORDER APPROVING  
STIPULATION

VANNOY, Chairman; WILLIAMSON and DAVIS Commissioners

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**I. SUMMARY**

By this Order, the Commission approves the February 1, 2019 Stipulation entered into by China Telephone Company (China Telephone); Sidney Telephone Company (Sidney Telephone); Standish Telephone Company (Standish Telephone); Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc. (Northland Telephone); Community Service Telephone Company (Community Service Telephone); and Maine Telephone Company (Maine Telephone and, collectively with the aforementioned companies, the Merging RLECs) and the Office of the Public Advocate (OPA), and thus approves the October 26, 2018 Petition for Approvals in this Docket.

**II. BACKGROUND**

On October 26, 2018, the Merging RLECs submitted a Petition for Approval, requesting that the Commission issue an order granting any and all approvals and authorizations required to consolidate the Merging RLECs into Maine Telephone (the Reorganization).

On October 30, 2018, the Hearing Examiner issued a Notice of Filing, Opportunity to Intervene, and Notice of Case Conference. The OPA was the only party that intervened in the proceeding.

Staff convened a Case Conference on November 9, 2018. Present were representatives of the Commission Staff, the OPA, and the Merging RLECs. At the Case Conference, the parties and the Staff developed a procedural schedule for this matter.

After an initial round of discovery, the Hearing Examiner convened a Technical Conference on December 12, 2018. At the Technical Conference, the OPA and the Staff discussed the Reorganization with representatives from the Merging RLECs. The parties and the Staff also discussed the prospect of settlement discussions in this matter.

On December 17, 2018, the Merging RLECs and the OPA indicated to the Commission that they would like to pursue settlement. In addition, the parties indicated their preference that Staff participate in settlement discussions.

On January 14, 2019, Staff convened a Settlement Conference, and, as a result of this and subsequent settlement discussions, on February 1, 2019, the parties filed the Stipulation in this matter. The Stipulation was posted in the above captioned Docket that same day, and the Commission did not receive any comments regarding the Stipulation.

### **III. DESCRIPTION OF THE REORGANIZATION**

The Reorganization is designed to reduce the number of operating companies in Maine that are indirect subsidiaries of Consolidated Communications Holding, Inc. (CCHI). CCHI is a Delaware holding company with operating subsidiaries across a 23-state service area that includes the areas formerly served by the FairPoint Communications, Inc. (FairPoint) companies in Northern New England. Through a series of business acquisitions, CCHI has amassed a significant number of subsidiary holding and operating companies. As of the initial filing in this proceeding, CCHI was the holding company for 72 separate and distinct companies. CCHI has examined its business structures in Maine and each of the other states where its companies operate to identify opportunities for reducing the number of business entities necessary to provide service in each jurisdiction. Through this process, CCHI expects to reduce the number of subsidiaries nationally from 72 to 21.

In Maine, CCHI intends to reduce the number of its RLEC subsidiaries from six to one through the Reorganization. Specifically, the Reorganization involves the merger of China Telephone, Sidney Telephone, Standish Telephone, Northland Telephone and Community Service Telephone into Maine Telephone. In general terms, the stock of the six Merging RLECs will be transferred to Consolidated Communications, Inc., and China Telephone, Sidney Telephone, Standish Telephone, Northland Telephone and Community Service Telephone will then be merged into Maine Telephone, with Maine Telephone being the surviving entity.

### **IV. DESCRIPTION OF THE STIPULATION**

The Stipulation describes the Reorganization, the ramifications of the Reorganization, and requests that the Commission approve the Reorganization pursuant to 35-A M.R.S. § 1101.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Title 35-A M.R.S. § 1101 requires public utilities to obtain authorization from the Commission for any sale, lease, assignment, mortgage or other disposal or encumbrance of the whole or part of its property that is necessary or useful in the performance of its duties to the public, or its franchises, permits or rights under them, or to merge or consolidate its property, franchise or permits, or a part of them, with another public utility by any means.

In particular, the Stipulation recognizes and describes:

- That provider of last resort (POLR) service customers of the individual Merging RLECs will, after the Reorganization, all be non-price cap ILEC customers, thus ensuring the continued availability of POLR service for Merging RLEC customers who will all become customers of Maine Telephone;<sup>2</sup>
- That as a non-price cap ILEC, Maine Telephone will be subject to traditional ratemaking for POLR service;
- That, while Maine Telephone will remain eligible for support from the Maine Universal Service Fund (MUSF), it will not, absent a change in law, request any additional MUSF support; and
- That as a non-price cap ILEC, Maine Telephone will be subject to more rigorous service quality standards than price cap ILECs.

#### V. DISCUSSION AND DECISION

In order to approve a stipulation, the Commission must consider the following criteria:

1. Whether the parties joining the stipulation represent a sufficiently broad spectrum of interests that the Commission can be sure that there is no appearance or reality of disenfranchisement;
2. Whether the process that led to the stipulation was fair to all parties;
3. Whether the stipulated result is reasonable and is not contrary to legislative mandate; and
4. Whether the overall stipulated result is in the public interest.

MPUC rules, ch. 110 § 8(D)(7).

Here, the Commission finds that all of the criteria for approval have been satisfied. The Stipulation was signed by the only active parties to the case, the Merging ILECs and the OPA. In the past, we have held that two parties, with differing views and interests, represent a sufficiently broad spectrum of ratemaking interests. *Oxford Telephone Company and Oxford West Telephone Company, Request for Approval of Reorganizations, Guarantees and Security Interests*, Docket No. 2018-00073, Order Approving Stipulation (June 18, 2018). In addition, based on the record before us, the Commission finds that the process that led to the Stipulation here was fair to all parties. Finally, the Commission finds that the Stipulation is reasonable, consistent with the public interest, and not contrary to any legislative mandates.

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<sup>2</sup> "Price Cap ILECs" are statutorily allowed to request relief from the obligation to provide POLR service in their service territories. 35-A M.R.S. § 7221.

With regard to the specific approval requested by the Merging ILECs, the Commission approves the Reorganization pursuant to 35-A M.R.S. § 1101.

**VI. ORDERING PARAGRAPH**

In light of the foregoing, the Commission

**ORDERS**

That the February 1, 2019 Stipulation entered into by China Telephone Company; Sidney Telephone Company; Standish Telephone Company; Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc.; Community Service Telephone Company; and Maine Telephone Company, and the Office of the Public Advocate is approved. A copy of the Stipulation is attached hereto and incorporated into this Order.

Dated at Hallowell, Maine, this Twenty-Eighth Day of February, 2019

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

/s/ Harry Lanphear

Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Vannoy  
Williamson  
Davis

## NOTICE OF RIGHTS TO REVIEW OR APPEAL

5 M.R.S. § 9061 requires the Public Utilities Commission to give each party to an adjudicatory proceeding written notice of the party's rights to review or appeal of its decision made at the conclusion of the adjudicatory proceeding. The methods of review or appeal of PUC decisions at the conclusion of an adjudicatory proceeding are as follows:

1. Reconsideration of the Commission's Order may be requested under Section 11(D) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (65-407 C.M.R.ch. 110) within **20** days of the date of the Order by filing a petition with the Commission stating the grounds upon which reconsideration is sought. Any petition not granted within **20** days from the date of filing is denied.
2. Appeal of a final decision of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within **21** days of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S. § 1320(1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Appellate Procedure.
3. Additional court review of constitutional issues or issues involving the justness or reasonableness of rates may be had by the filing of an appeal with the Law Court, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S. § 1320(5).

Note: The attachment of this Notice to a document does not indicate the Commission's view that the particular document may be subject to review or appeal. Similarly, the failure of the Commission to attach a copy of this Notice to a document does not indicate the Commission's view that the document is not subject to review or appeal.





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## CONTACT & TRADE NAME INFORMATION

### Applicable to All Telephone Utilities

A telephone utility must complete this form: 1) When requesting Public Utilities Commission authorization to provide voice service in New Hampshire; 2) Annually, on or before March 31 of each year, and 3) when there have been changes to the information previously reported.

Effective Date March 05, 2019

#### General Information

Legal Name Consolidated Communications of Maine Company  
Federal Employer Identification  
Number (FEIN) 01-0490366  
Telephone Utility Identification  
Number if one has been assigned TU-108  
Trade Name(s) d/b/a Consolidated Communications  
in New Hampshire  
Complete Mailing 770 Elm Street  
Address Manchester, NH 03101  
Phone Number 603-656-8116  
E-mail Address robert.meehan@consolidated.com  
Website www.consolidated.com

#### End User Customer Service

Toll free 800 Number 844.YOUR.CCI (844.968.7224)  
E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Hours of Operation 8 AM – 6 PM, Monday – Friday

#### End User Repair Service

Toll free 800 Number 844.YOUR.CCI (844.968.7224)  
E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Hours of Operation 24 hours/day, 7 days/week



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**Names and Titles of Principal Officers**

Name	Title
Bob Udell	President and Chief Executive Officer
Steven L. Childers	Chief Financial Officer
John J. Lunny	Chief Information Officer
Michael W. Smith	Chief Marketing Officer
Gabe Waggoner	Executive Vice President of Operations
William Thomas White	Chief Technology Officer
Ryan D. Whitlock	Vice President of Human Resources
Steven J Shirar	Chief Sales Officer

**Regulatory Contact**

Name Robert D. Meehan  
Title Director -- Regulatory  
Complete Mailing Address 770 Elm Street, Floor 1  
Manchester, NH 03101  
Phone Number 603-656-8116  
E-mail Address robert.meehan@consolidated.com

**Person that Commission's Consumer Affairs Department Shall Call Regarding Customer Complaints**

Name Beth Westman  
Title Regulatory Analyst II -- Customer Advocacy  
Complete Mailing Address 1 Davis Farm Road, Portland, ME 04103  
Phone Number 207-535-4249  
E-mail Address beth.westman@consolidated.com

**Director of Customer Service Department**

Name Vicky Gronquist  
Title Director - Customer Sales & Service  
Complete Mailing Address 30 East Main Street, Westfield, NY 14787  
Phone Number 716-326-1263  
E-Mail Address vgronquist@consolidated.com



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**Company Officer Responsible for Customer Service**

Name Kari Lynn Juni  
Title Senior Director – Customer Services  
Complete Mailing Address 221 East Hickory Street  
Mankato, MN 56001  
Phone Number 507-386-3503  
E-mail Address kari.juni@consolidated.com

**Person Responsible for Paying Assessment Bills**

Name Robert Meehan  
Title Director – Regulatory  
Complete Mailing Address 770 Elm Street, Manchester, NH 03101  
Phone Number 603-656-8116  
E-mail Address robert.meehan@consolidated.com

Check here if you would prefer to receive notices by e-mail rather than postal mail: ☐

**Signature**

I certify that the information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief subject to the penalty for making unsworn false statements under RSA 641:3.

Authorized Representative  
Signature Robert D. Meehan Title Director – Regulatory

Printed Name Robert D. Meehan Date March 5, 2019

If you have any questions, please call the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission at 603-271-2431.  
Please mail any documents to the above address.



## WITHDRAWAL OF AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE AS A TELEPHONE UTILITY IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

### Available for Voluntary Use by Certain Excepted Local Exchange Carriers

An Excepted Local Exchange Carrier (ELEC) other than an Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC), if and only if it has no customers for voice telephone service in New Hampshire, may use this form to request that the Public Utilities Commission withdraw the ELEC's authorization provide such service. A company whose authorization is withdrawn may nonetheless be subject to assessments based on Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) revenue.

#### General Information

Legal Name Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc.

Federal Identification Number 01-0489649

Telephone Utility Identification  
Number TU-108

Complete Mailing Address 770 Elm Street, Fl. 1

Manchester, NH 03101

Phone Number 603-656-8116

E-mail Address robert.meehan@consolidated.com

Website www.consolidated.com

#### Signature

I certify that a) the ELEC on whose behalf this form is submitted has no customers in New Hampshire as of this date; and b) said ELEC seeks to have its authorization to offer voice telephone services in New Hampshire withdrawn effective on this date. I make these certifications subject to the penalty for making unsworn false statements under RSA 641:3.

Authorized Representative

Signature

Robert D. Meehan

Title

Director - Regulatory

Printed Name Robert D. Meehan

Date

March 5, 2019

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# State of New Hampshire

## Department of State



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Corporation Service Company  
10 Ferry St Suite 313  
Concord NH 03301

Enclosed is the acknowledgment copy of your creation filing. It acknowledges this office's receipt and filing of your documents.

This business is required to file an annual report and pay a \$100.00 filing fee annually due by April 1st of each year. Reports filed after the due date will be assessed a late fee of \$50.00. As a courtesy our office will send a reminder notice in January of each year by mail or email. Annual reports may be filed on-line or downloaded from our website at <https://quickstart.sos.nh.gov/online>.

If you are unable to obtain a report through our website, you should contact this office to request one. Please Note: It is the responsibility of this business to obtain a report and submit for filing prior to April 1st of each year.

Businesses that do not file their annual reports and/or fees will be administratively dissolved or suspended.

Please Note: A benefit corporation must also prepare an annual benefit report 120 days following the end of the fiscal year, please refer to RSA 293-C:12 & RSA 293-C:13.

Should you have any questions, you may contact this office at the phone number or email address below. Please reference your Business ID Number when contacting our office.

Please visit our website for helpful information regarding all your business needs.

Sincerely,  
Corporation Division

Business ID: 811429  
Filing No: 4390760

# State of New Hampshire

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William M. Gardner  
Secretary of State  
State of New Hampshire

Form 40  
RSA 293-A:15.03

## APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY OF A FOR PROFIT FOREIGN CORPORATION

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS of the New Hampshire Business Corporation Act, the undersigned corporation hereby applies for a certificate of authority to transact business in New Hampshire and for that purpose submits the following statement:

FIRST: The name of the corporation is Maine Telephone Company

SECOND: The name which it elects to use in New Hampshire is Maine Telephone Company, Inc.

THIRD: The complete address (including zip code and post office box, if any) of its principal office is:  
121 S. 17th Street, Mattoon, IL 61938

(no. & street)

(city/town)

(state)

(zip code)

### Principal Business Information:

Principal Mailing Address: c/o Consolidated Communications, 121 S. 17th Street, Mattoon, IL 61938

(no. & street)

(city/town)

(state)

(zip code)

Business Phone: (217) 258-9767

Business Email: annual\_report@consolidated.com

☒ Please check if you would prefer to receive the courtesy Annual Report Reminder by email.

FOURTH: It is incorporated under the laws of Maine

FIFTH: The date of its incorporation is May 16, 1994 and the period of its duration is  
Perpetual

SIXTH: The name of its registered agent IN NEW HAMPSHIRE is:  
Cogency Global Inc.

The complete address of its registered office IN NEW HAMPSHIRE (agent's business address) is:

63 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301

(no. & street)

(city/town)

(state)

(zip code)

SEVENTH: Describe the principal purpose or purposes which it proposes to pursue in the transaction of business in New Hampshire (and if known, list the NAICS Code and Sub Code)  
telecommunication services

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY  
OF A FOR-PROFIT FOREIGN CORPORATION

Form 40  
(Cont.)

EIGHTH: The names and usual business addresses of its current officers and directors are: (If there are additional officers or directors, attach additional sheet OR if the laws of the state of incorporation do not require directors, indicate below.)

Name	Title	Address
<b>OFFICERS</b>		
C. Robert Udell, Jr.	President and CEO	121 S. 17th Street Mattoon, IL 61938
Steven L. Childers	Chief Financial Officer	121 S. 17th Street Mattoon, IL 61938
Steven J. Shirar	Chief Sales Officer	121 S. 17th Street Mattoon, IL 61938
<b>DIRECTORS</b>		
C. Robert Udell, Jr.	Director	121 S. 17th Street Mattoon, IL 61938
Steven J. Shirar	Director	121 S. 17th Street Mattoon, IL 61938
Steven L. Childers	Director	121 S. 17th Street Mattoon, IL 61938

Maine Telephone Company

(Corporate Name)

*Janice Hester*

(Signature)

Janice Hester

(Print or type name)

Sr. Director of Tax

(Title)

Date signed: 10/22/2009

Note: The sale or offer for sale of capital stock of the corporation will comply with the requirements of the New Hampshire Uniform Securities Act (RSA 421-B). The capital stock of the corporation: (1) has been registered or when offered will be registered under RSA 421-B; (2) is exempted or when offered will be exempted under RSA 421-B; (3) is or will be offered in a transaction exempted from registration under RSA 421-B; (4) is not a security under RSA 421-B; OR (5) is a federal covered securities under RSA 421-B. The statement above shall not by itself constitute a registration or a notice of exemption from registration of securities within the meaning of sections 448 and 461(f)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code and the regulation promulgated thereunder.

DISCLAIMER: All documents filed with the Corporation Division become public records and will be available for public inspection in either tangible or electronic form.

Mailing Address: Corporation Division, NH Dept of State, 107 N Main St, Rm 204, Concord, NH 03301-4989

Physical Location: State House Annex, 3rd Floor, Rm 317, 28 Capitol St, Concord, NH

EXHIBIT A

Name and Title	Title(s)	Address
Garrett Van Osdel	Corporate Secretary	121 S. 17 <sup>th</sup> Street, Mattoon, IL 61938
David Herrick	Vice President and Controller	121 S. 17 <sup>th</sup> Street, Mattoon, IL 61938
Janice Hester	Senior Director of Tax	121 S. 17 <sup>th</sup> Street, Mattoon, IL 61938
Lisa R. Hood	Vice President and Treasurer	121 S. 17 <sup>th</sup> Street, Mattoon, IL 61938

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# State of New Hampshire

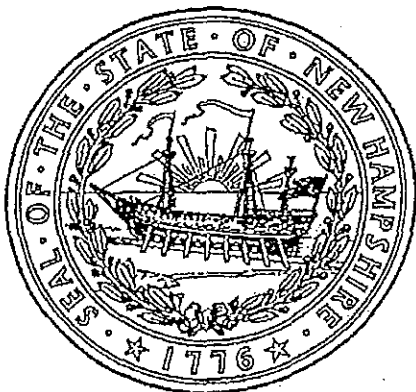
## Department of State

### CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY OF MAINE TELEPHONE COMPANY

The Secretary of State of the State of New Hampshire hereby certifies that an Application of MAINE TELEPHONE COMPANY for a Certificate of Authority to transact business in this State, duly signed pursuant to the provisions of the New Hampshire Business Corporation Act, has been received in this office.

ACCORDINGLY the undersigned, by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, hereby issues this Certificate of Authority to MAINE TELEPHONE COMPANY to transact business in this State under the name of MAINE TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC., and attaches hereto a copy of the Application for such Certificate.

Business ID: 811429



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,

I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed  
the Seal of the State of New Hampshire,  
this 25th day of January A.D. 2019.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William M. Gardner".

William M. Gardner  
Secretary of State