

August 17, 2021

## Via Electronic Submission

Dianne Martin, Chairwoman New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301

**Re:** Docket DT 21-105 Consolidated Communications of Northern New England, LLC d/b/a Consolidated Communications ("Consolidated Communications") Petition for a License to Construct and Maintain Communication Cable Lines Over and Across Land Owned by the State in the Towns of Peterborough and Temple, New Hampshire

Dear Chairwoman Martin,

Pursuant to the above captioned Petition, Consolidated Communications filed said Petition on May 20, 2021, pursuant to RSA 371:17 and 371:17-a for a license to re-construct, maintain, and operate telecommunication cable lines. The proposed cable lines would be installed in the area of Peterborough and Temple, New Hampshire, in Miller State Park over land owned by the State. These cables would be installed on new poles erected by Eversource pursuant to the Commission's license issued in Docket DE 20-115. Eversource's work was the subject of a similar Petition for License (the "Eversource Petition") granted by the Commission in its Order Nisi No. 26,465 dated March 31, 2021.

In order to complete all of Consolidated Communications' work in Miller State Park, we respectfully request that the Commission grant the license by the end of August if at all possible. Consolidated Communications' representatives have been in discussions with the State of New Hampshire, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources ("DNCR") in connection with a permit required in order to relocate the current utility corridor away from recreational areas within the State Park to an underground conduit at the summit owned by the State. The current draft of the DNCR permit requires Consolidated to complete *ALL* work within the State Park on or before October 1, including the installation of the new facilities, removal of all old facilities and any necessary remediation work. Consolidated Communications likely will not be able to successfully meet this deadline unless its Operations Team can start the process of installing new cable on the newly constructed Eversource poles within the next week to 10 days.

Pursuant to the Commission's March 17, 2020, notice that the Commission temporarily has waived the requirements of Puc. 203.02, paper copies of this correspondence will not be filed.

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Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Patrick C. McHugh On Behalf of Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Company, LLC

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