### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

#### DT 23-103

## CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, INC. AND CONDOR HOLDINGS LLC

#### Joint Petition to Approve Transfer of Control

#### Procedural Order Re: Requests to Waive Puc 203.09(i)(2)

On April 17, 2024, the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NHEC) filed a motion to compel Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. (CCHI) to respond to its data requests, to which requests CCHI had objected on April 8, 2024, and filed a supplement to its motion on April 22, 2024. The Town of Benton (Benton), on April 22, 2024, filed a motion to compel CCHI to respond to its data requests, to which requests CCHI had objected on April 8, 2024, and Benton's CCHI had objected on April 8, 2024. CCHI filed objections to NHEC's and Benton's motions to compel on April 29, 2024 and May 2, 2024, respectively. Condor Holdings LLC (Condor) filed an objection to NHEC's motion to compel on April 29 and joined in CCHI's objection to Benton's motion to compel on May 2, 2024.

Pursuant to the procedural schedule approved by the Commission, *see* Procedural Order dated March 22, 2024, CCHI's and Condor's responses to discovery requests were due on April 10, 2024. New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Puc 203.09(i), which contains the requirements for motions to compel responses to data requests, requires motions to compel to be filed "within 15 business days of receiving the applicable response or objection, or the deadline for providing the response, <u>whichever is sooner."</u> N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.09(i)(2) (emphasis added). In their motions to compel, NHEC and Benton requested that the Commission waive Puc 203.09(i)(2), stating that they inadvertently filed their motions to compel late, because they believed the applicable deadline was 15 business days from the date they received CCHI's objections to their discovery requests.

Neither CCHI nor Condor objected to the requests to waive Puc 203.09(i)(2).

NHEC's and Benton's requests to waive Puc 203.09(i)(2) are GRANTED. See N.H.

Admin. R., Puc 201.05(a). A three-hour hearing on the motions to compel is scheduled <u>on</u>

June 12, 2024, starting at 1:00 p.m.

So ordered, this tenth day of May, 2024.

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