STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DT 24-096

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS OF NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND COMPANY, LLC

Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Company, LLC and Charter Fiberlink NH-CCO, LLC

Order *Nisi* Approving Interconnection Agreement

O R D E R N O. 27,062

October 8, 2024

Pursuant to 47 U.S.C § 252(e), the Commission approves on a *nisi* basis a request for approval of an interconnection agreement between Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Company, LLC and Charter Fiberlink NH-CCO, LLC (Charter). All docket filings, other than those subject to confidential treatment, are available on the Commission's website at

https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2024/24-096.html.

I.   BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On August 8, 2024, Consolidated filed a request for the Commission to approve, pursuant to 47 U.S.C § 252(e), an interconnection agreement between it and Charter Fiberlink NH-CCO, LLC (Charter) (Agreement). The Agreement was executed on August 5, 2024.

The Commission issued a procedural order on August 21, 2024, requesting the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE) to file its recommendation regarding the request for approval by October 7, 2024. On October 4, 2024, the DOE filed its recommendation, in which it recommended that the Commission approve the Agreement, because the DOE could find no evidence to dispute Consolidated's

statement in its August 8, 2024 filing that the Agreement does not discriminate against nonparties, is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity, and is consistent with the Commission's orders, rules and regulations. No other filings were submitted in this docket.

II.   COMMISSION ANALYSIS

Under 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A), the Commission must approve a negotiated interconnection agreement unless it determines that the agreement, or some portion of it, discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or that implementation of the agreement would not be consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission has reviewed the filing and concurs with the DOE's conclusion that, based on the representations in the filing, there is no evidence that the Agreement discriminates against other telecommunications carriers. The Commission also does not find that implementation of the Agreement would be inconsistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Accordingly, we approve the Agreement on a *nisi* basis, with an effective date of November 7, 2024.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED *NISI*, that subject to the effective date below, the interconnection agreement between Consolidated and Charter is **APPROVED**; and it is
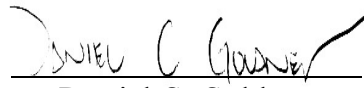
FURTHER ORDERED, that Consolidated shall post a copy of this order on its website no later than October 11, 2024, with an affidavit of publication to be filed with the Commission on or before October 18, 2024; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that all persons interested in responding to this order be notified that they may submit their comments or file a written request for a hearing, stating the reason and basis for a hearing, no later than October 21, 2024; and it is
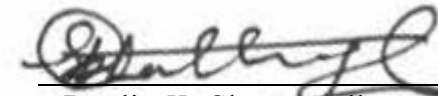
FURTHER ORDERED, that any party interested in responding to such comments or request for hearing shall do so no later than October 31, 2024; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that this order shall be effective November 7, 2024, unless Consolidated fails to satisfy the publication obligation set forth above or the Commission provides otherwise in a supplemental order issued prior to the effective date; and it is

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this eighth day of October, 2024.

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Chairman	Commissioner

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