# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

## DT 24-047

# CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS OF NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND COMPANY, LLC

# Interconnection Agreement between Teliax, Inc. and Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Company, LLC

#### **Order Nisi Approving Interconnection Agreement**

# <u>O R D E R N O. 27,007</u>

May 13, 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 (Consolidated) and Teliax, Inc. 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/2024/24-047.html.

# I. BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On March 21, 2024, Consolidated filed a joint request for the Commission to approve, pursuant to 47 U.S.C § 252(e), an interconnection agreement (Agreement Proposal) between it and Teliax, Inc. The Agreement Proposal was executed on March 19, 2024.

The Commission issued a procedural order on March 26, 2024, requesting the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE) to file its recommendation regarding the request for approval by May 29, 2024. On April 30, 2024, the DOE filed its recommendation, in which it recommended that the Commission approve the Agreement Proposal, because the DOE could find no evidence to dispute Consolidated's statement in its March 21 filing that the Agreement Proposal 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 Proposal discriminates against other telecommunications carriers. The Commission also does not find that implementation of the Agreement Proposal would be inconsistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Accordingly, we approve the Agreement Proposal on a *nisi* basis, with an effective date of June 13, 2024.

## Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

**ORDERED** *NISI*, that subject to the effective date below, the interconnection agreement between Consolidated and Teliax, Inc. is **APPROVED**; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED,** that Consolidated shall post a copy of this order *nisi* on its website no later than May 17, 2024, such publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before May 28, 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 June 3, 2024 for the Commission's consideration; and it is **FURTHER ORDERED,** that any party interested in responding to such comments or request for hearing shall do so no later than June 10, 2024; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED,** that this order shall be effective June 13, 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 thirteenth day of May, 2024.

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