STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

DATE: May 10, 2019 AT (OFFICE): NHPUC

FROM: Kath Mullholand, Director – Regulatory Innovation and Strategy Division

- **SUBJECT:** Docket No. DT 18-169 Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc. Petition for Approval of Transfer of Franchise, Works and Systems to Affiliate **Staff Recommendation**
- TO: Commissioners Debra A. Howland, Executive Director
- CC: David K. Wiesner, Director, Legal Division Amanda Noonan, Director, Consumer Services and External Affairs

On December 18, 2018, the Commission issued Order No. 26,202 in this docket. The order approved Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc.'s petition on a *nisi* basis and imposed a condition that the affiliate accepting the transfer, Maine Telephone Company, take all actions required to become registered to transact business and authorized to conduct operations and provide service in New Hampshire.

On March 5, 2019, Consolidated Communications of Maine Company (Consolidated) filed the following documents:

1. Form T8 - Application for Registration to Provide Voice Service;

2. Form Tl - Contract and Trade Name Information;

3. Form T9 - Withdrawal of Northland as an Authorized Telephone Utility; and

4. Copy of New Hampshire Secretary Of State's Certificate of Authority of a For-Profit Foreign Corporation issued to Maine Telephone Company, dated January 25, 2019.

Consolidated also submitted a change of name request to the Secretary of State. Maine Telephone Company is now known as "Consolidated Communications of Maine Company," and the Secretary of State's acknowledgement of the name change is attached.

Staff reviewed the materials submitted by Consolidated and issued Authorization to Operate as a Telephone Utility certificate number TU-126 on March 18, 2019. Staff's letter and the certificate are attached.

Staff believes that Consolidated has met the conditions of the Commission's Order and recommends that this docket be closed.



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Corporation Service Company 10 Ferry St., Suite 313 Concord NH 03301

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

Should you have any questions, you may contact the Corporation Division 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.

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Sincerely, Corporation Division

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APPLICATION FOR AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY FOR PROFIT FOREIGN CORPORATION

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS of the New Hampshire Business Corporation Act, the undersigned corporation hereby applies for an Amended 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

THIRD: The state or country of incorporation is: Maine

FOURTH: The date the corporation was authorized to transact business in the state of New Hampshire is: $\frac{1}{25}/2019$

FIFTH: This application is filed for the following reason (complete all applicable items);

- a. The corporation has changed its corporate name to: <u>Consolidated Communications of</u> <u>Maine Company</u>
- b. The name the corporation will hereafter use in the state of New Hampshire is changed to: <u>Consolidated Communications of Maine Company</u>, Inc.
- c. The corporation has changed its period of duration to:
- d. The corporation has changed the state or country of its incorporation to ____

Maine Telephone Company, Inc. (Corporate Name)

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(Signature)

Janice Hester (Print or type name)

Sr. Director of Tax (Title)

Date signed: 3/8/2019

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, 25 Capitol St, Concord, NH

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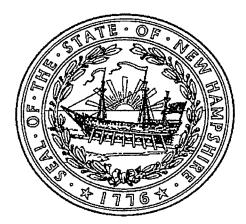
State of New Hampshire Department of State

AMENDED 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 an Amended 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 Amended Certificate of Authority to CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS OF MAINE COMPANY to transact business in this State under the name of CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS OF MAINE COMPANY, INC. and attaches hereto a copy of the Application for such Amended 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 12th day of March A.D. 2019.

William M. Gardner Secretary of State

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, N.H. 03301-2429

March 18, 2019

Consolidated Communications of Maine Company, Inc. 770 Elm Street, Floor 1 Manchester, NH 03101

Dear Mr. Meehan:

On behalf of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, I am confirming receipt of Form T-8 Application for Registration to Provide Voice Service in New Hampshire for Consolidated Communications of Maine Company, Inc.

I note that Consolidated Communications of Maine Company, Inc. is registered with the Secretary of State, and in good standing, and that the company has an unblemished record here in New Hampshire and at the Federal Communications Commission. The application is complete and includes current contact and trade name information.

Accordingly, I am issuing Authorization to Operate as a Telephone Utility, certificate number TU-126. As a utility in New Hampshire, Consolidated Communications of Maine Company, Inc. is subject the Commission rules and reporting requirements, which can be found on our website at: <u>http://www.puc.state.nh.us/Regulatory/rules.htm</u>

If the company will be attaching to utility poles in New Hampshire, please be aware the New Hampshire Department of Transportation manages the state-owned rights of way, and publishes a Utility Accommodation Manual, which can be found on their website at: <u>https://www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/highwaydesign/documents/UAM_complete.pdf</u>

Thank you for your interest in serving the telephone customers of New Hampshire. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding your certification or other related issues.

Sincerely,

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Kath Mullholand Director, Regulatory Innovation and Strategy Division

enclosure

AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE AS A TELEPHONE UTILITY

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS OF MAINE COMPANY, INC.

is authorized to operate as a telephone utility in the State of New Hampshire, providing:

Voice Telecommunications Services, Consolidated Communications Territory

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Debra A. Howland Executive Director

Date: March 18, 2019

Authorization No. TU-126

This authorization is non-transferable

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