

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DT 18-169

NORTHLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY OF MAINE, INC.

Petition for Approval of Transfer of Franchise, Works and Systems to Affiliate

Summary of Order *Nisi* No. 26,202 Approving Transfer

December 18, 2018

On December 18, 2018, the Commission approved the transfer of Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc., to its affiliate, Maine Telephone Company. Northland requested approval of that transfer in connection with an internal corporate restructuring transaction involving consolidation of several subsidiaries of Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. The Commission determined that Maine Telephone has the requisite technical, managerial, and financial capability to acquire Northland. The Commission conditioned its approval of the transfer on Maine Telephone taking all actions required to become registered to transact business in New Hampshire and authorized to conduct operations and provide service in New Hampshire prior to the transfer.

The Commission delayed the effectiveness of its order to ensure that Northland customers and the public receive notice of the Commission's determination and have an opportunity to file comments or request a hearing. The Commission's Order and docket filings in this matter, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, are posted on the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2018/18-169.html>.

All persons interested in responding to the order may submit their comments or file a written request for a hearing, which states the reason and basis for a hearing, no later than

January 9, 2019. Any person(s) responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than January 15, 2019. Following consideration of any comments and requests for hearing received, the Commission may further extend the final effective date of its order. The Commission's order shall become final and effective on January 17, 2019, unless the Commission orders otherwise.



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