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Via Electronic Submission

Ms. Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

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Re: DT 19-041: Petition of Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Company, LLC For Approval of Modifications to the Wholesale Performance Plan

Dear Ms. Howland,

This letter will serve as a status report on the parties' ongoing negotiations in the above referenced Docket. By Order dated October 14, 2019, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") ordered, in relevant part, that: "...that the parties shall reopen negotiations with respect to modification of the WPP pursuant to Consolidated's Amended Petition and the WPP Change of Law Provision, such negotiations to be completed within 90 days of the date of this order..." Order at ps. 17-18. While the 90-day time period has expired, Consolidated reports that the negotiations are ongoing and additional time is necessary to conclude the negotiations. After consultation with counsel to the various CLEC parties to this Case, Consolidated expects that the negotiations should be concluded – with or without a full resolution to the issues in the Docket – on or about February 7, 2020. I will submit a further status update by mid-February 2020.

In addition, given the coordination among the Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont Commissions regarding Consolidated's Wholesale Performance Plan ("WPP"), I am filing this letter to inform the Commission that on January 13, 2020, the Maine Public Utilities Commission issued an Order in Docket No. 2019-00045, Request for Modification of the Wholesale Performance Plan. In that Order, the Maine Commission ordered the parties to negotiate in compliance with the change of law provision in the WPP. For the Commission's convenience, a copy of that Maine Order has been submitted with this letter. The Maine Commission also ordered the parties to file a status report within 15 days of its Order given the prior Order in New Hampshire and an Order from the Vermont Commission dated October 2, 2019. I also will file a copy of the Maine status report once filed with the Maine Commission.

Debra Howland, Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission

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An original and six (6) copies of this correspondence and the Maine Order has been sent to the Commission's office for filing pursuant to Puc. 203.02. Please feel free to contact me with any questions and please let me know if the Commission would like any further information at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick C. McHugh", enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Patrick C. McHugh
On Behalf of Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Company, LLC

Cc: Service List