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## Inter-Department Communication

**DATE:** September 23, 2019  
**AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC

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

**SUBJECT:** Docket No. DT 19-130  
Request for Approval of Adoption of Interconnection Agreement with  
Amendment between Consolidated Communications and Peerless Network  
**Staff Recommendation**

**TO:** Commissioners  
Debra A. Howland, Executive Director

**CC:** David K. Wiesner, Legal Division Director

On July 24, 2019, Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Company, LLC d/b/a Consolidated Communications – NNE (Consolidated) filed a request on behalf of Peerless Network of New Hampshire, LLC (Peerless) for approval to adopt, pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the terms of an existing interconnection agreement between Neutral Tandem – New Hampshire, LLC and Consolidated, formerly Verizon New England, Inc. that was approved by the Commission in Docket No. DT 07-091 and amended effective October 24, 2017 in Docket No. DT 17-162. Staff notes that the underlying Interconnection Agreement was effective by operation of law on or about November 22, 2007. The agreement can be found on the Commission's web pages at <http://www.puc.state.nh.us/Telecom/interconnectionagreements.htm>.

Peerless is an excepted local exchange carrier (ELEC) authorized as a telephone utility by the Commission.

The request for adoption includes adjustments to the terms and conditions of the underlying interconnection agreement in the cover letter, and current pricing in Appendix A attached thereto.

Staff recommends that the adoption of the interconnection agreement, as modified by the request, and Appendix A be allowed to go into effect by operation of law, 90 days after the date of the original filing, on or about October 22, 2019.

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