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21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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**Re: DE 21-020 Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy and Consolidate Communications of Northern New England Company, LLC d/b/a Consolidated Communications
Joint Petition to Approve Pole Asset Transfer**

Dear Ms. Howland:

On April 2, 2021, representatives of Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy and Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Company, LLC d/b/a Consolidated Communications (collectively, Petitioners), New England Cable and Telecommunications Association Inc. (NECTA), the Office of the Consumer Advocate, and the Commission Staff met in technical session to discuss preliminary issues relevant to this proceeding, including: (1) the development of a procedural schedule for the docket; and (2) the NECTA objection to the Petitioners' request for confidential treatment.

The technical session participants agreed to recommend the following procedural schedule to the Commission:

Action or Event	Date or Deadline
Set 1 Data Requests to Petitioners	April 12, 2021
Petitioners' Responses to Set 1 Data Requests	April 26, 2020 (ten business days)
Technical Session	May 13, 2021 at 10am
Set 2 Data Requests to Petitioners	June 3, 2021
Petitioners' Responses to Set 2 Data Requests	June 17, 2021 (ten business days)
Technical Session	June 24, 2021 at 10am
Set 3 Data Requests to Petitioners	June 29, 2021
Petitioners' Responses to Set 3 Data Requests	July 14, 2021 (ten business days)

Staff/OCA/Intervenor Testimony	July 28, 2021
Data Requests to Staff/OCA/Intervenors	August 16, 2021
Staff/OCA/Intervenor Responses to Data Requests	August 30, 2021 (ten business days)
Technical Session/Settlement Conference	September 9, 2021 at 1pm
Settlement Conference/Rebuttal Testimony	September 16, 2021 at 1pm
Hearing	Nov 1 and Nov 5, 2021 at 10am

Staff, on behalf of the technical session participants, respectfully requests that the Commission approve the proposed procedural schedule for this proceeding.

The Commission also directed the parties to discuss NECTA's objection to the Petitioners' request for confidential treatment of the entire settlement and pole purchase agreement at the technical session following the pre-hearing conference. Staff reports that the Petitioners have agreed to develop a lesser-redacted version of the agreement. The parties have agreed to meet on April 12 to discuss that version. Staff will report to the Commission on the outcome of that discussion shortly thereafter.

I certify that a copy of this letter will be served electronically on the parties on the service list at the same time it is filed with the Commission.

Sincerely,



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