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April 30, 2021

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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, the Commission held a duly noticed prehearing conference in the above-referenced matter. After the pre-hearing conference, the parties held a technical session to discuss issues relevant to the proceeding. At the direction of the Commission, the parties discussed issues relating to the Joint Petitioners' Motion for Protective Order and Confidential Treatment (Motion) of a Settlement and Pole Asset Purchase Agreement, as well as an objection to that request (Objection) filed by the New England Cable and Telecommunications Association, Inc. (NECTA).

On April 19, 2021, the Commission issued a secretarial letter approving the procedural schedule in the above-referenced proceeding, and directing the Staff to report on the outcome of discussions relating to the Motion and Objection.

Staff reports that the Joint Petitioners have agreed to develop a lesser-redacted version of the Settlement and Pole Asset Purchase Agreement during the week of May 3, 2021. Relatedly, the discussions regarding NECTA's access to the proceeding's remaining confidential information remain ongoing.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian D. Buckley".

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