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Dianne Martin, Chair New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

RE: Docket No. DE 21-020

Eversource Energy and Consolidated Communications

Joint Petition to Approve Pole Asset Transfer

Substitution of Witness

Dear Chair Martin:

On February 10, 2021, Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource") and Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Company, LLC d/b/a Consolidated Communications ("Consolidated") filed a joint petition for the transfer of certain utility pole assets from Consolidated to Eversource. Included with that petition was the pre-filed testimony and supporting information of Eversource witness Lee G. Lajoie. As of July 31, 2021, Mr. Lajoie has retired and is no longer employed by Eversource.

Accordingly, by this letter Eversource is notifying the Commission and the parties that it will substitute Russel D. Johnson, Director of Distribution Engineering, and Jason M. Yergeau, Director of Electric Field Operations for New Hampshire, in the place of Mr. Lajoie for this proceeding. Mssrs. Johnson and Yergeau will jointly adopt Mr. Lajoie's testimony, and will take the place of Mr. Lajoie for purposes of addressing any discovery that has been, or will be, responded to in this proceeding.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,

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