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Via Electronic Submission

New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
Attn: Clerk's Office
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: DE 21-020 Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource) and Consolidate Communications of Northern New England Company, LLC d/b/a Consolidated Communications ("Consolidated, and collectively with Eversource, the "Joint Petitioners")

Joint Petition to Approve Pole Asset Transfer

Section 1.b and 1.d to the Hearing Guidelines, issued on November 19, 2021

Dear Sir or Madaam,

Through this correspondence, I address two issues related to the Hearing Guidelines issued by Chairman Daniel C. Goldner on November 19, 2021 (the "Guidelines"). Section 1.b of the Guidelines directs the parties to the above captioned Docket to file at least 2 business days prior to the hearing their respective witness lists and it notes that the parties may file a joint witness list. On behalf of the parties presenting witnesses during the hearing, enclosed please find the Joint List of Hearing Witnesses.

Second, Section 1.d of the Guidelines directs the parties to advise the Commission if they will be discussing or introducing confidential information during the hearing and to identify the information in question. In connection therewith, Consolidated hereby advises the Commission of the Joint Petitioners' intent to introduce confidential information into evidence and to discuss same during the hearing. The confidential information relates to various aspects of the Joint Petitioners' proposed transactions for which they seek approval, including the purchase price of the utility pole interests to be conveyed to Eversource, various terms of the Joint Petitioners' Settlement and Pole Asset Purchase Agreement and the witnesses' testimony and exhibits which contain such information or use such information in any related analysis.

The confidential information is further described in two pending Motions for Protective Order.¹ Counsel for New England Cable and Telecommunications Association, Inc., filed the first of the pending motions on January 31, 2022. *See* Tab 55 in the Commission's Virtual File Room for Docket DE 21-020. The Joint Petitioners filed the second pending motion on the same day. *See id.*, Tab 57. The New Hampshire Consumer Advocate objected to the Joint Petitioners' motion

¹ As noted in footnote 1 on page 2 of the Joint Petitioners' pending motion, *supra*, the initial Motion for Protective Order and Confidential Treatment, dated February 10, 2021, filed by the Joint Petitioners may be considered moot.

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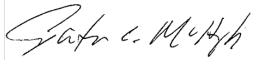
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on February 1, 2022 (*see id.*, Tab 59), to which Consolidated Communications filed a Motion for Leave to Respond and its response. *See id.*, Tab 60.

Paper copies of this correspondence and the submission enclosed herewith will not be filed pursuant to the Commission's March 17, 2020, notice that the Commission temporarily has waived the requirements of Puc. 203.02.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Patrick C. McHugh

On Behalf of Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Company, LLC

Cc: Service List