

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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**

Docket No. DE 21-020

Joint Petition to Approve Pole Asset Transfer

ASSENTED TO MOTION TO ADJUST THE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

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NOW COME Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (hereinafter “Eversource”) and Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Company, LLC (hereinafter “Consolidated”, and together with Eversource, the “Joint Petitioners”), by and through their undersigned attorneys, and respectfully move the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) to slightly adjust the procedural schedule contained in its procedural order dated November 19, 2021. In support of this Motion, the Joint Petitioners state as follows:

1. As noted above, on November 19, 2021, the Commission issued its Procedural Order Re: Motion for Enlargement of Time (the “Procedural Order”). Among other issues addressed in the Procedural Order, the Commission (i) scheduled a settlement conference and the filing of rebuttal testimony on February 22, 2022, and (ii) scheduled a hearing on the merits for March 15,

2022. With this schedule, it is likely that the parties will hold their settlement conference prior to (or shortly before) the Joint Petitioners file their rebuttal testimony. Thus, participants from New England Cable and Telecommunications Association, Inc. (“NECTA”), the New Hampshire Department of Energy (“DOE”) and New Hampshire Office of Consumer Advocate (“OCA”) will not have had the opportunity to evaluate the Joint Petitioners’ rebuttal testimony filed in this Docket prior to the settlement conference. In addition, Monday, February 21, is a national holiday and several participants in the Docket will be traveling.

2. In light of the above and with the assent of NECTA, DOE and OCA, the Joint Petitioners propose to slightly alter the procedural schedule; the Joint Petitioners’ request will not require any change to the hearing date of March 15, 2022. The Joint Petitioners request this Commission to alter the schedule for the filing of the rebuttal testimony and settlement conference as follows: (i) rebuttal testimony filed on or before Friday, February 25, 2022, and (ii) settlement conference to be held no later than Wednesday, March 2, 2022.¹

3. The Commission’s granting of this assented to Motion will not unduly delay the proceeding or adversely affect the rights of any party to this Docket. The granting of the Motion will also facilitate a more productive settlement conference by allowing additional time for (i) the Joint Petitioners to attempt to narrow the issues for discussion; and (ii) NECTA, DOE, and OCA time to review the Joint Petitioners’ rebuttal testimony ahead of the settlement conference. Moreover, the requested relief set forth herein will not require the rescheduling of the hearing on the merits.

¹ Given various proceedings on the Commission’s calendar for February 28 and March 1, 2022, which may or may not be continued, the parties to this Docket remain in discussions regarding the exact date and time for the rescheduled settlement conference. The parties to this Docket have agreed, however, to schedule the settlement conference for a date after the filing of the rebuttal testimony and no later than March 2, 2022.

WHEREFORE, the Joint Petitioners respectfully request that this honorable Commission:

A. Issue an order that adjusts the procedural schedule in this Docket consistent with paragraph 2 of this Motion; and

B. Grant such additional relief as it deems appropriate.

Dated: February 17, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

**CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS OF
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on the date written below, I caused the above Motion to be served pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.11.

February 17, 2022
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